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Despite repeated complaints from international students outside of EU/EEA region who spoke out against **systematic racial harassment and institutional cover-ups** inside Finnish higher education, authorities like **universities, courts, police, and even ministry officials** have failed to protect them, instead siding with the perpetrators.

The incidents include:

- **Verbal and physical harassment** targeting international students of color.
- **Administrative retaliation** against the particular students who speak up.
- **Failure of police and courts** to investigate discrimination claims.
- **Silencing tactics** such as
  - threatening students with expulsion warnings,
  - rejecting scholarship and tuition fee mitigations,
  - downgrading course and thesis grades,
  - unfairly rejecting job contracts,
  - terminating housing contracts, study visa etc.

Finland has marketed itself globally as a welcoming study destination. Yet, the reality for many students tells a different story. **Suvro Jyoti Kundu** from **Bangladesh**, a former student of Aalto University who completed his master's study, is one of those students. **Kundu** has shared his horrible experiences to the future enthusiast students out of EU/EEA region who are planning to study in Finland, but unaware of systematic and racial harassment in Finland, that include all the organizations operated under the Finnish government, specifically Police, Security Guards, Border Guards, Migri (Ministry of the Interior), Courts, Prosecutors, Judges (Ministry of Justice), Customs (Ministry of Finance), and Universities (Ministry of Education and Culture).

International students, families, and governments considering Finland as a study destination should be aware of these risks. Human rights organizations and global education bodies are urged to **investigate systemic racism in allover Finland, including Finnish universities** and demand accountability.

Aalto University
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## *STATEMENT OF MASTER'S THESIS ASSESSMENT*

Master's Programme in Computer, Communication and Information Sciences

**Author of the thesis:** Sowgat Kundu

**Title of the thesis:** Joint PHY and MAC Layer Modeling for Ultra-reliable Random Access

**Supervisor:** Olav Tirkkonen

**Advisor:** Olav Tirkkonen

**Location:** Aalto

The thesis considers a modelling principle of wireless random access where physical layer (PHY) characteristics, such as signal-to-interference-plus-noise ratio, and communication rate, are combined with Medium Access Control (MAC)-layer access principles, such as collision and capture. The research method is based on literature survey.

**Definition of research scope and goals: 3**

The introductory chapter defines the addressed problems in a broad manner. Ultra-reliable low-latency communication, LTE and 5G new radio are discussed. The motivation for addressing joint PHY and MAC modelling is left somewhat vague.

**Command of the topic: 4**

The thesis shows a very good familiarity with the subject matter of the thesis. The work is well embedded in the existing literature and uses a good mix of scientific papers and practical concept document to contextualize the ideas of the work. The work shows very good familiarity with the needed theoretical tools. The exposition of the background information is, however, too wide. E.g., details of the TCP/IP protocol suite are not needed for understanding the work.

**Methods: 3**

The thesis is mainly a literature study on the subject, with some clarifying analysis and simulation. The methods are used well. The choice of method could be better motivated, and the sufficiency of the method could have been discussed.

**Results and contribution: 3**

The results of the thesis confirms the validity of methods from the literature. In Section 6 there are novel results that add to the state-of-the art. These could have been expanded to improve the relevance of the results for applications.

**Presentation, language, and structure: 4**

The thesis is clearly written, in a good scientific English. The thesis uses equations, tables and figures to convey the message in a very good manner.

**Time used on the thesis:** *lowering effect on the grade*

The thesis took more than 1.5 year to complete. Part of the delay was due to circumstances not under the control of the candidate, but not all.

**Overall assessment:**

The thesis addresses an important problem of random access in a modern wireless network. The thesis shows a good understanding of the problem setting and discusses the underlying modeling principles in a

clear manner. The thesis is mostly based on literature search, supported by analytical and numeric verifications. The thesis completion was delayed. I suggest the grade **Good (3).**

**Grade: 3** (out of maximum 5)

12.1.2024

Olav Tirkkonen

Professor, thesis supervisor

# Academic Appeal for Rectification of Master's Thesis Grading

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Date of receiving notification of the decision: 23.01.2024

Thesis title: Joint PHY and MAC Layer Modeling for Ultra-reliable Random Access

Thesis supervisor and responsible person for grading: Prof. Olav Tirkkonen

Thesis grade: 3

Change sought with the appeal: Rectification of the thesis grade to **5**.

Grounds for the appeal (necessary documents are all available at the school):

1. Improper reasoning and aspects in the grading:

a. Delay in completion of the thesis: In the assessment, the supervisor stated that the thesis took more than 1.5 years to complete, where some parts of the delays were intentional, and some parts were not. The thesis topic was approved in May 2022 when the student was performing as a teaching assistant until August 2022. After the semester Spring 2022 ended, the student was never provided with an attending semester until Autumn 2023. Eventually, the student was unable to work between October 2022 and February 2023 due to being affected by Covid. Student's Aalto account was shut down from May 2023 to September 2023. From July 2023 to present, the student has been affected by chronic illness that highly reduced his working efficiency. Summing up all the facts, the student was a valid student and able to properly work on the thesis in somewhat 5-6 months, which was highly ignored in the assessment.

b. An advanced thesis topic from a novice perspective: While assessing this thesis, the supervisor assumed that the topic is already well-known by the student. Especially in parts "Definition of research scope and goals," "Methods," and "Results and contribution," the perspective of grading by the supervisor was that the student is an expert in his research field and not a novice

who is learning a new thing by independent research. Every time there was a new editing of the thesis, it was instantly shared to the supervisor on demand for professional opinion. However, most of the specific feedback provided in the thesis assessment was not provided to the student earlier, and the supervisor rather emphasized on quickly finishing the thesis work and get graduated.

2. Positive aspects of this thesis that was not considered in the grading:

a. Working environment with a non-attending status and limited supervision: In the evaluation of the thesis, the most crucial factor which was completely neglected is that the student was never provided with sufficient facilities that are provided to other students. For example, a master's thesis worker's position or a research assistant position. This is like tying the student's feet and urging him to sprint at the highest possible speed. Let alone a non-attending status restricted the overall student facilities to its lowest.

b. Academic integrity with ease and simplicity of writing: Nowadays a hundred pages of thesis can be composed effortlessly within a few weeks with the help of modern technologies like artificial intelligence. However, in the assessment of this "more than 1.5 years prolonged" thesis, the manual pattern of the thesis writing was never observed and evaluated. This proves that the assessor's disbelief in time-quality tread-off factor, i.e., better quality works take more time to build up.

c. Excellency in other major courses: The student has achieved an exceptional CGPA in such a way that even if there were the lowest grade (1) given by the supervisor, it would not be able to reduce the overall CGPA below 4. This shows that the thesis's grade is contrary to the student's academic caliber.

3. Other facts that affected student's academic performance:

a. Facing unfair decisions, systematic harassment, and defamation: The student faced warnings and unfair decisions from his school and suffered systematic harassment and defamation among the overall staff community of Aalto University based on some false accusations, which drastically reduced efficiency and overall performance of the student. It is possible that the thesis grading was affected by the student's poor reputation, so the student cannot graduate with a GPA of 5.

Based on the above basis, the honorable academic appeal board is begged to be kind enough to consider all the facts that affected grade and allow the rectification of the thesis grade to 5.

11.3.2024

To the Aalto University Degree Committee

# Statement regarding Sowgat Kundu's appeal against grading of his Master's Thesis

Sowgat Kundu, a graduate of Master's Programme in Computer, Communication and Information Sciences, has appealed against the grading decision regarding his thesis on 26 January 2024, and asks for rectification of the thesis grade to 5.

The Master's Thesis "Joint PHY and MAC Layer Modeling for Ultra-reliable Random Access" was assigned the grade three (3) on 22 January 2024 by the Degree Programme Committee for Computer, Communication and Information Sciences.

The Aalto University Degree Committee has requested that the Degree Programme Committee for Computer, Communication and Information Sciences (DPC) issues a statement on student's appeal on 7 February 2024. The statement shall comment on student's claims, reasons presented to support the claim and measures deemed necessary by the DPC and shall be given by 15 March 2024. The Degree Programme Committee has obtained an account from Professor Olav Tirkkonen, the supervisor of Sowgat Kundu's thesis (Appendix 1, Machine translation Appendix 2).

"The Guideline for Master´s Thesis Evaluation" confirmed by the Academic Committee of the School of Electrical engineering is used in the thesis grading. According to the guideline, grade 3 (good) is given to *a well-structured and independently written master's thesis. The thesis has all the necessary elements and good unity, but no particular merits. The examiner's report identifies definite needs for improvement.*

In Sowgat Kundu's appeal he has written 6 claims to support rectification of the thesis grade to 5.

First category of claims is related to the improper reasoning and aspects in grading.

In 1a) Kundu claims that he was able to properly work on the thesis somewhat 5-6 months.

In the account, supervisor writes that he defined the thesis topic on 28 February 2022, and that according to the Aalto University's guidelines for students, it is stated that the completion time is calculated from the beginning of the thesis, not the date of acceptance of the topic. Supervisor also states that the work did not proceed during spring 2022, even though the original schedule was to finish the work by 31.7.2022.

Learning services have provided the information that the student has not been an attending student during autumn semester 2022 and spring semester 2023, since he has neglected the enrollment. Due to not having a right to study, Kundu's Aalto account was closed by it-services according to the rule that student authorization is granted for four (4) months after graduation or

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the end of their right to study. In autumn 2023, Kundu has registered as attending student on 28 September 2023. According to the supervisor's account's appendix, Kundu has been provided supervision to his thesis also during the time when he was not enrolled as a student.

In 1b) Kundu claims that while assessing this thesis, supervisor assumed that the topic is already well known by the student, rather than being a novice who is learning a new thing by independent research. Student writes, that after every new edit, he shared to work to the supervisor on demand for professional opinion. He writes that most of the specific feedback provided in the thesis assessment was not provided to the student earlier.

In the account, supervisor writes, that for the sake of equality, all master's theses are evaluated according to the same criteria, and that all students start working on a new problem in their master's thesis. He also writes that the written work is being graded. He writes that iteration to raise the quality of the work is impossible if the delivery of the work to the supervisor and instructor is left until the last minute. Supervisor writes, that he has provided instructions on the master's thesis process to the student on 18 March, 2022, where this issue has been clarified.

The second category of student's claims is related to the positive aspects of the thesis, that he sees where not considered in the grading.

In 2a) student writes that he was never provided with sufficient facilities, e.g. a master's worker position or research assistant position. He also writes that the non-attending status restricted the use of overall student facilities.

In the account supervisor writes, that receiving a job or a visitor's position from the department are independent processes from writing the thesis.

In 2b) student claims that the manual pattern of the thesis writing, instead of using AI, was never observed and evaluated.

In the account supervisor writes that all master's theses are assumed to be written by the students themselves, and writes that for the sake of equality, all master's theses evaluated according to the same criteria.

In 2c) students claims that he has an exceptional CGPA and the thesis grade is in contrary to the student's academic caliber.

In the account supervisor writes, that the theses and courses are evaluated independently.

The third category of claims is related to the other facts that affected student's academic performance.

In 3a) student writes that he has faced unfair decisions, systematic harassment, and defamation. He writes that it is possible that the thesis grading was affected by student's poor reputation, so the student cannot graduate with a GPA of 5.

In the account supervisor writes, that he has difficulties in understanding what student means with this claim. Supervisor writes that he has provided more support to student than to students on average, and he has also observed that learning services have provided student more support than to master's students in average. Supervisor also writes that personnel of university does not have time to discuss with each other about the issues concerning individual students.

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Based on the supervisor's account, the DPC considers the grade 3 (three) to be the most appropriate grade for Sowgat Kundu's thesis and does not find grounds for rectification of the thesis grade to 5.

Professor
Riku Jäntti
Chair of Degree Programme Committee for
Computer, Communication and Information Sciences

The following members of the committee participated in the decision-making:
Prof. Petri Vuorimaa
Prof. Tapio Lokki
Prof. Pekka Marttinen
Prof. Lauri Savioja
Prof. Petteri Kaski

Appendix 1: Supervisor's account
Appendix 2: Machine translation of Supervisor's account

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Helsinki 15.2.2024

# Vastine Sowgat Kundun oikaisupyyntöön

Kundun opinnäytetyön arviointi on kokonaisuudessaan luettavissa 12.1.2024 päivätyssä lausunnossani, johon minulla ei ole mitään lisättävää. Kanssakäymisemme perustella (Liite 1) lausun Kundun oikaisuvaatimuksesta seuraavaa, kohta kohdalta Kundun väitteisiin vastaten:

1a) Aalto-yliopiston ohjeissa opiskelijoille todetaan, että DI-työn suoritusaika lasketaan ohjaajan näkemyksen mukaisesta työn aloituspäivästä, ei aiheen hyväksymispäivästä. Määrittelin työn aiheen 28.2.2022. Alun perin tarkoituksena oli saada DI-työ valmiiksi 31.7.2022 mennessä. Koko tänä aikana Kundu ei käytännöllisesti katsoen tehnyt mitään kirjallisen opinnäytetyön aikaan saamiseksi. Tämän jälkeen Kundun ongelmien vuoksi työn tekeminen hidastui. Riippumatta työn edistymistä haitanneista opiskelijasta riippumattomista seikoista, on selvää, että työn tekemiseen on mennyt paljon pidempään kuin puoli vuotta. Ensimmäiset henkilökohtaiset ongelmat alkoivat ilmaantua lokakuussa 2022.

1b) Yhdenvertaisuuden vuoksi kaikki DI-työt arvioidaan saman periaatteen mukaan. Jokainen DI-työntekijä aloittaa uuden ongelman parissa. Arvosteltavana on kirjoitettu työ. Jos opiskelija jättää kirjoitetun työn toimittamisen ohjaajalle ja valvojalle viime tinkaan, iterointi laadun nostamiseksi on mahdotonta. Ohjeet DI-työprosessista, missä tämä on selvitetty, lähetettiin opiskelijalle 18.3.2022. Jo ensimmäisen kirjoitusnäytteen jälkeen, 12.1. 2023, opiskelijalle on kerrottu, että työ aloittaa liian kaukaa eikä keskity olennaiseen. 13.11.2023 opiskelijalle on ilmoitettu, että työ on jo sinänsä hyväksyttävä, mutta varsinaisen ongelman selkeä käsittely puuttuu. Ensimmäinen täydellinen versio työstä on lähetetty valvojalle 21.12.2023. Työn piti olla valmiina 31.12.2023.

2a) Työpaikka tai vierailijan paikan saaminen laitokselta ovat opinnäytetyön kirjoittamisesta riippumattomia prosesseja.

2b) Yhdenvertaisuuden vuoksi kaikki DI-työt arvioidaan saman periaatteen mukaan. Kaikki DI-työt oletetaan opiskelijoiden itsensä kirjoittamiksi.

2c) Opinnäytteet ja kurssit arvioidaan riippumattomasti.

3) On vaikea ymmärtää, mistä opiskelija tarkoittaa. Olen vuorovaikuttanut oppimispalvelujen kanssa opiskelijan opinto-oikeuteen ja käyttäjätunnukseen liittyvissä asioissa. Havaintojeni mukaan opiskelija on saanut oppimispalveluilta paljon enemmän tukea kuin keskimääräinen maisteriopiskelija. Minulta hän on saanut 8x enemmän aikaa kuin keskimääräinen valvottava DI-työntekijä, ja 4x enemmän kuin keskimääräinen ohjattava.

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Opiskelija valitti minulle useasti, että hänen maineensa koulussa on mennyt, eikä hänelle ole enää mahdollisuuksia ryhtyä jatko-opiskelijaksi. En ymmärtänyt, mitä hän tarkoitti. Selvästikään Kundu ei ymmärrä, että koulun henkilökunnalla ei aika riitä yksittäisten opiskelijoiden asioista juoruamiseen. Kurssisuoritukset näkyvät opintosuoritusrekisterissä. Jos jollakulla opiskelijalla menee jollakin kurssilla huonosti, tai hänen suhteensa johon kuhun opettajaan hankaloituu, tieto ei leviä koulussa siitä yksinkertaisesta syystä, että opettajakunnan elämällä on rajallinen pituus, ja yliopiston opettajakunta on riittävän kokenutta hallitsemaan ajankäyttöään näissä rajoissa. Esimerkiksi kun Kundu tuli ensimmäistä kertaa pyytämään minulta DI-työaihetta, minulle paljastui suurena yllätyksenä, että hänellä on jo aihe, jota oli tehnyt jo pitkään käytävänaapurini Prof. Jäntin ohjauksessa, mutta jonka tekeminen oli osoittautunut haasteelliseksi hänelle. Tämäkään tieto ei ollut siirtynyt kahta metriä käytävän yli, opiskelija itse välitti tiedon.

Kunnioittaen,

Olav Tirkkonen, Professori, Tietoliikenneteoria

Liite: Kanssakäymiseni Kundun kanssa tiivistetysti

- Olen lähettänyt Kundulle 14.2.2022 ja 20.12.2023 välisenä aikana noin 100 sähköpostiviestiä ja 12 kokouskutsua. Lisäksi olemme tavanneet ilman ajanvarausta noin 20 kertaa.
- Kundu lähestyi minua **14.2.2022**, hän pyysi DI-työn aihetta. Kokouksessa ilmeni, että hänellä oli jo prof. Jäntin antama DI-työaihe, ja Jäntin nimeämä ohjaaja. Kundu oli tyytymätön edistymiseensä diplomityössään. Hänen opinto-oikeutensa oli päättymässä heinäkuun lopussa -22 ja hän oli huolissaan valmistumisestaan. Kehotin häntä keskustelemaan ohjaajansa kansa, varmin tapa valmistua ajoissa on keskittyä jo aloitetun työn loppuun saattamiseen. Totesin, että jos työ ei millään muotoa lähde edistymään, voimme keskustella uudestaan.
- 16.2. hän viesti, että edellinen DI-työ on virallisesti lopetettu, vastoin suositustani keskustelematta Jäntin kanssa.
- 28.2. määrittelin hänelle aiheen ja lähetin aiheen liittyvän olennaisimman julkaisun luettavaksi.

- 17.3. löysin tutkimusryhmästäni työlle ohjaajan, ja saatoin Kundun yhteyteen ohjaajan kanssa, keskustelimme kolmestaan. Totesin että jos hän käy ahkerasti töihin, DI-työ valmistuu 31.7. -22 mennessä, ja hän voi valmistua.
- 18.3. lähetin lisää materiaalia ja ohjeita DI-työn tekemiseen.
- 21.3. keskustelimme aihehakemuksesta ja työn nimeämisestä.
- Maaliskuun lopussa viestiminen DI-työstä loppui. Sen sijaan hän käytti paljon aikaa keskustellakseen halustaan korottaa Communication Theory -kurssistani saamansa arvosanan 3.
- 22.4. ohjaaja ihmetteli, kun Kundusta ei ollut kuulunut mitään. Tiedustelin Kundulta, aikooko hän aloittaa työn tekemisen. Hän vastasi tutkivansa julkaisuja.
- 2.6. tiedustelin työn tilannetta, ja muistutin että työn pitäisi olla valmis kahdessa kuukaudessa. Vastaus oli, että työ valmistuu. Ohjaaja ei ollut tässä vaiheessa kuullut Kundusta mitään.
- 7.6. tapasimme kasvokkain. Totesin, että jos DI-työn pitäisi valmistua elokuun loppuun, minun pitäisi hetimiten nähdä kirjoitettua materiaalia, alkuun sisällysluettelo, ja hyvin pian sen jälkeen kirjallisuuskatsaus.
- 8.6. annoin yksityiskohtaisia ohjeita siitä, miten kirjallisuuskatsaus kirjoitetaan, ja ehdotin soveliasta ryhmittelyä.
- Tapasin Kundua myöhemmin kesäkuussa kasvokkain. Totesin, että olen menossa lomalle, ja ohjaajakin oli menossa lomalle. Sanoin että hänellä on oikeus jättää työn arvioitavaksi, jos se valmistuu, mutta laadunvalvonnan kannalta olennaisia iteraatioita ohjaajan ja valvojan kanssa ei loma-aikana pysty järjestämään.
- 12.7. Kundu väitti sähköpostissa, että DI-työ edistyy hyvin, ja lupasi tehdä kaikkensa saadakseen työn jätettyä kuun loppuun mennessä. Tätä ei kuitenkaan tapahtunut.
- 5.9. Kundu tiedusteli, voisiko hän kuunnella Communication theory -kurssini luentoja, vaikka on poissaoleva. Tapasin hänet luennon yhteydessä. Hän sanoi, että hänen pitäisi saada työ tehtyä 16.11.2022 mennessä. Tavatessamme minulle kävi ilmi, että DI-työn tekemisen sijaan hän oli käyttänyt keväällä ja kesällä aikansa diplomityön sijaan Signaalit ja järjestelmät -kurssin assistoimiseen.
- 9.9. lähetin konkreettisen suunnitelman, mitä tehdä, että työn valmistuminen olisi mahdollista. Työn ajateltu ohjaaja oli irtisanoutunut Aallosta, joten ryhdyin itse ohjaamaan työtä. Jatkoimme keskustelua 22.9 ja 23.9.
- 19.12 hän lähetti ensimmäiset 10 sivua Di-työstä luettavaksi.

- 12.1.**2023** annoin yksityiskohtaisia ohjeita työn ryhmittelystä. Kirjoitin lausunnon työn edistymisestä jatkoajan hakemista varten. Työ oli 20% valmis.
- 6.2. hän tiedusteli, voiko työn jättämistä lykätä syksyyn -23, mitä kannatin.
- 6.4. olin kutsunut hänet kokoukseen, mihin hän ei päässyt tulemaan henkilökohtaisten syiden vuoksi.
- 19.4. hän tiedusteli mahdollisuutta saada palkallinen DI-työpaikka. En tarjonnut hänelle työpaikkaa.
- 21.4. hän tiedusteli mahdollisuutta saada työpiste laitokselta. Totesin että hän ei ole laitoksen tutkija eikä vierailija, eikä edes läsnä oleva opiskelija, joten emme voi antaa hänelle pöytäpaikkaa. Hän peruutti sille päivälle sovitun tapaamisen, jossa olisi keskusteltu työn etenemisestä. Hän myös totesi, ettei kykene kunnolla keskittymään työhön, ja totesi, että hän mieluummin valitsee tutkimusmenetelmäksi kirjallisuustutkimuksen. Olin aiemmin sanonut, että sekin on mahdollinen tutkimusmenetelmä, mutta oman tutkimuksellisen kontribuution selkeä osoittaminen tällä menetelmällä on hankalampaa kuin jos menetelmäksi valitaan analyysi tai numeerinen simulaatio. Tämä on myös yksikäsitteisesti artikuloitu 18.3.2022 lähettämissäni DI-työohjeissa.
- 16.8. tiedustelin LES:iltä, miten hänet saataisiin takaisin Aallon järjestelmiin, että hän voisi valmistua. Hän oli tullut toimistooni keskustelemaan tilanteestaan.
- 31.8. kommentoin Kundun lähettämää DI-työn tiivistelmää.
- 12.9. sain päivitetyn version työstä. Työssä oli 62 sivua, näistä vielä monet otsikkoa vaille tyhjiä. Kirjoitin lausunnon jatkoajasta. Työ oli 75% valmis. Varinainen tutkimusaiheen käsittely puuttui.
- 27.9. tapasimme työn loppuun saattamisen merkeissä.
- 4.10 meillä piti olla kokous, mutta Kundu ei tullut paikalle.
- 5.10 tapasimme. Seuraavan tapaamisen piti olla 25.10, mutta se siirrettiin kahteen otteeseen. Lopulta tapasimme 1.11.
- 13.11.2023 sain 55-sivuisen version työstä. Työ oli jo sinänsä hyväksyttävä, mutta varsinaisen ongelman selkeä käsittely puuttui.
- Joulukuussa 2023 lähetin Kundulle 19 sähköpostiviestiä, ja työ tuli valmiiksi. Sain ensimmäisen täydellisen version työstä 21.12.2023. Työn piti olla valmiina **31.12.2023**.

# A Statement of the Student Regarding the Response from the CCIS Degree Program Committee

Sowgat Kundu

22.3.2024

Sowgat Kundu, a graduate of the master's program in CCIS, has submitted an appeal against the master's thesis grade approved by the CCIS degree program committee.

After receiving a response from the CCIS degree program committee, Kundu is here to provide a statement regarding the response from the CCIS degree program committee. Here, Kundu is intended to explain his claims if not interpreted correctly, or ignored, or some misinformation and/or misunderstandings if persisted, in the opinion of the CCIS degree program committee.

First, Kundu wants to express his gratitude to the chair and former supervisor (prof. Riku Jäntti), and the deputy-chair and present supervisor (prof. Olav Tirkkonen) of the CCIS degree program committee, for their valuable time to handle the issue with importance.

The comments on the response pointed below will be described according to the timeline and are based on the documents "Kundu_annex4_statement_DPC.pdf" from the chair (prof. Riku Jäntti), and "Kundu_annex4a-4b_rejoinder_and_translation.pdf" from the present supervisor (prof. Olav Tirkkonen). Some additional official documents will also be referred to along with filename and date.

**0. Termination of the former thesis topic and former supervisor:**

Statement of the CCIS DPC:

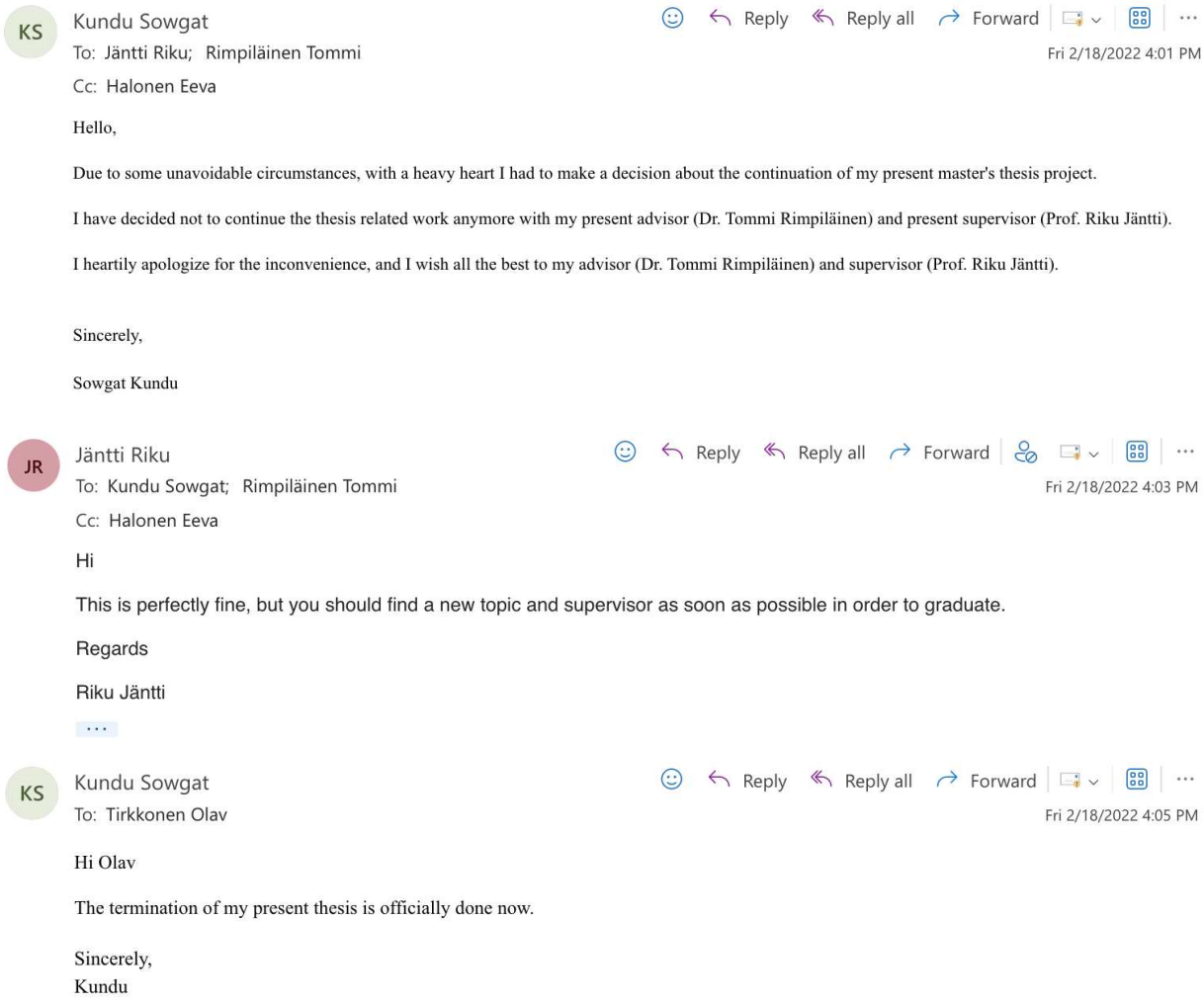
Document: "Kundu_annex4a-4b_rejoinder_and_translation.pdf" by prof. Olav Tirkkonen,

Liite: Kanssakäymiseni Kundun kanssa tiivistetysti

"- 16.2. hän viesti, että edellinen DI-työ on virallisesti lopetettu, vastoin suositustani keskustelematta Jäntin kanssa."

Fact:

The student demands that after he announced the termination of the thesis, prof. Riku Jäntti specifically permitted the termination of the thesis topic and clearly stated it (other receivers: Tommi Rimpiläinen, Eeva Halonen). Only after that, the student notified prof. Olav Tirkkonen that the previous thesis topic and supervisor is terminated, and he is ready to have a new supervisor and new topic. It needs to be mentioned that the former supervisor did not provide Kundu with any research assistant position or master's thesis worker's position either, which made the termination procedure uncomplicated.



KS Kundu Sowgat

To: Jäntti Riku; Rimpiläinen Tommi

Cc: Halonen Eeva

Reply Reply all Forward

Fri 2/18/2022 4:01 PM

Hello,

Due to some unavoidable circumstances, with a heavy heart I had to make a decision about the continuation of my present master's thesis project.

I have decided not to continue the thesis related work anymore with my present advisor (Dr. Tommi Rimpiläinen) and present supervisor (Prof. Riku Jäntti).

I heartily apologize for the inconvenience, and I wish all the best to my advisor (Dr. Tommi Rimpiläinen) and supervisor (Prof. Riku Jäntti).

Sincerely,

Sowgat Kundu

JR Jäntti Riku

To: Kundu Sowgat; Rimpiläinen Tommi

Cc: Halonen Eeva

Reply Reply all Forward

Fri 2/18/2022 4:03 PM

Hi

This is perfectly fine, but you should find a new topic and supervisor as soon as possible in order to graduate.

Regards

Riku Jäntti

KS Kundu Sowgat

To: Tirkkonen Olav

Reply Reply all Forward

Fri 2/18/2022 4:05 PM

Hi Olav

The termination of my present thesis is officially done now.

Sincerely,
Kundu

Comment: The above evidence shows that while terminating the master's thesis, Kundu received full permission from his former supervisor prof. Riku Jäntti, to terminate the thesis and find a new supervisor, which Kundu exactly did accordingly. This is a communication gap between prof. Riku Jäntti and prof. Olav Tirkkonen.

**1. An exceptional situation:**

Statement of the CCIS DPC:

Document: "Kundu_annex4a-4b_rejoinder_and_translation.pdf" by prof. Olav Tirkkonen,

Liite: Kanssakäymiseni Kundun kanssa tiivistetysti

- 21.3. keskustelimme aihehakemuksesta ja työn nimeämisestä.

- Maaliskuun lopussa viestiminen DI-työstä loppui. Sen sijaan hän käytti paljon aikaa keskustellakseen halustaan korottaa Communication Theory -kurssistani saamansa arvosanan 3.

- 22.4. ohjaaja ihmetteli, kun Kundusta ei ollut kuulunut mitään. Tiedustelin Kundulta, aikooko hän aloittaa työn tekemisen. Hän vastasi tutkivansa julkaisuja.

- 2.6. tiedustelin työn tilannetta, ja muistutin että työn pitäisi olla valmis kahdessa kuukaudessa. Vastaus oli, että työ valmistuu. Ohjaaja ei ollut tässä vaiheessa kuullut Kundusta mitään.

Fact:

The above statement from prof. Olav Tirkkonen is partially correct unless a practical situation needs to be considered. Additional official document: "Vice-President's decision attachments.pdf" page 7, Student has a direct mention about the situation while he applied for a tuition fee mitigation.

"... Later I contacted another professor (my present supervisor) to have a new thesis topic. As I started working on the thesis topic, my working ability got affected by a politically unstable situation while I had only three months left to complete the whole thesis. Despite putting my highest effort, I was not able to complete the whole thesis within the remaining small amount of time."

This was initially recognized by the school. Additional official document: "Vice-President's decision attachments.pdf" page 2.

"... Student refers to politically unstable situation which is interpreted to refer to Russia's attack to Ukraine and its effect in Finnish political atmosphere. This can undoubtly be a stressful and worrying situation to an individual. However, from school's perspective the relevant points are the events around the original thesis topic"

This is also another matter that was vaguely recognized by prof. Olav Tirkkonen in his evaluation: Additional official document: "Kundu_annex2b_evaluation_statement.pdf"

"...Part of the delay was due to circumstances not under the control of the candidate, but not all."

The supervisor should have also mentioned that the course "Communication Theory" contained the core content of the master's thesis, e.g., PHY layer modeling. Part of the effort on the course "Communication Theory" was to improve the grade, but not all.

Comment: The timeline of the exceptional situation mentioned in the document "Kundu_annex4_statement_DPC.pdf" is in between 28.2.2022 and 31.7.2022, which was indeed not under the control of the student, and reasonable to cause delay in the overall thesis completion procedure.

**2. A master's thesis worker's position:**

Statement of the CCIS DPC:

Document: "Kundu_annex4_statement_DPC.pdf" by prof. Riku Jäntti

"In the account supervisor writes, that receiving a job or a visitor's position from the department are independent processes from writing the thesis."

Document: "Kundu_annex4a-4b_rejoinder_and_translation.pdf" by prof. Olav Tirkkonen

"2a) Työpaikka tai vierailijan paikan saaminen laitokselta ovat opinnäytetyön kirjoittamisesta riippumattomia prosesseja."

Fact:

A proper explanation is necessary here. For the sake of clarity, it would be specifically mentioned as "master's thesis worker's position" instead of job or a visitor's position in general.

A master's thesis worker's position is a certain position where a thesis writing student receives funds for a thesis project and a study place in the lab under the supervisor. The support is usually provided by a company, which is Aalto University in this case. The supervisor is responsible for providing such necessary facilities and support to a student working on the master's thesis. If the above-mentioned facilities and support are not given to the thesis worker, the thesis quality must be affected negatively. As a student, Kundu had sufficient credits and good grades to be considered for a thesis worker's position. However, none of the (former and present) supervisors provided Kundu with this optimum support, which cannot be a coincidence.

Comment: Receiving a job or a visitor's position from the department may be independent processes from authoring the thesis; but receiving a "master's thesis worker's position" is not; rather highly dependent on the thesis outcome.

**3. "On vaikea ymmärtää, mistä opiskelija tarkoittaa…"**

Comment: The document "Criminal_Case_Against_Perttu_Seija.pdf" submitted as a police complaint is attached here to make the claim easier to understand, which contains the complete story (until 03.7.2023) of Kundu in Aalto University.

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Conclusion:

The barriers and discrimination that Kundu faced as a student in Aalto University is beyond imagination. If Kundu's performance is considered against all those odds, then providing Kundu with a master's thesis grade of 5 would be the least amount of compensation that Kundu deserves as a student.

Therefore, the honorable academic appeal board is requested to be kind enough to consider all the matters that affected the master's thesis grading and allow the rectification of the thesis grade to 5.

# A Criminal Complaint Against Two Personnel and Other Staffs Working Beneath Them for Jointly Performing Defamation, Insultation, and Executing Unjustified Decisions on me

## (Part 1)

Suvro Jyoti Kundu
03.07.2023

Case type: Systematic Harassment, Defamation, Fraudulence
Staffs that belong to the institution: Aalto University
Staffs those are responsible for collectively performing systematic harassment, defamation, and execution of unjustified decisions:

1. Dr. Perttu Puska
- including all administrative staffs of School of Electrical Engineering working under him.

2. Mrs. Seija Piiponniemi-Lahti
- including all lobby service staffs and security staffs working under her.

The victim student:

1. Suvro Jyoti Kundu

- performed teaching assistantship successfully for two courses (ELEC-A7200 and ELEC-E7130) and also developed these courses, associated to the School of Electrical Engineering (ELEC), Aalto University

- being the "bottleneck" of the school of ELEC which is responsible for designing the study curriculum in a highly disorganized and stressful way (*e.g., by holding an exceptional academic record despite being a non-native student, since the study curriculum was not designed in a way for such things to be feasible even for the native students*)

- believes that he was causing too many "problems" for different internal syndicates of the university by "asking too many questions," and both Perttu Puska and Seija Piiponniemi-Lahti are jointly trying to eradicate him from Aalto University by snatching away his studentship in a technical way that looks legal and fair

The complaint against the staff:

1. Perttu Puska executed an academic warning on Suvro Jyoti Kundu without any concrete evidence of being the actual culprit based on a colliding incident

between the student and a lobby service staff. Perttu Puska also executed an unjustified decision of tuition fee mitigation on Suvro Jyoti Kundu. Administrative staff of ELEC working underneath him have rejected the dean's scholarship in a technical way, despite completing 64 credits out of 60 credits in an academic year.

2. Seija Piiponniemi-Lahti is responsible for the activities of the lobby service staffs and the security staffs working under her, while the activities towards Suvro Jyoti Kundu from both the lobby service staffs and security staffs included systematic harassment, insultation, defamation, racial discrimination, social bullying, kicking out of the university building etc.

Incoming characters in Kundu's incident (according to the timeline):

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| 0. Suvro Jyoti Kundu | (Student, former TA) | as Kundu |
| 1. Perttu Puska | (Opintoasiainpäällikkö) | as Perttu |
| 2. Seija Piiponniemi-Lahti | (Turvallisuuspäällikkö) | as Seija |
| 3. Sanna Mäkeräinen | | as Sanna |
| 4. Professor Riku Jäntti | | as former supervisor |
| 5. Mika Nupponen | | as Mika |
| 6. Anni Rosenhöf | | as Anni |
| 7. Professor Jyri Hämäläinen | | as the Dean of ELEC |
| 8. Eeva Halonen | | as Eeva |
| 9. Mikko Inkinen | | as Mikko |
| 10. Tommi Rimpiläinen | | as Tommi |
| 11. Markus Peuhkuri | | as Markus |
| 12. Professor Petri Suomala | | as the vice-president |
| 13. Petri Lindroos | | as Petri |
| 14. Professor Olav Tirkkonen | | as present supervisor |

Description in detail and time-by-time frame:
(The complete story of Suvro Jyoti Kundu in Aalto University)

1. Around February 2019 (Spring semester 2019), some cleaning staff noticed that a guy (Kundu) was randomly collecting cans and bottles from the trash bin inside the university premises. The cleaning staff reported the incident to the security service desk of Otakaari 1. That was the initial moment when the harassment began from different security guards (from Securitas), who also kept surveilling Kundu on a regular basis (e.g., manually guarding and/or through CCTV cameras, etc.). There were even multiple staff from Securitas at the reception desk who threatened and attempted to kick out Kundu several times out of the premises despite being a regular student at Aalto University.

2. The time was around October 2019 (Autumn semester 2019). Kundu used to study inside the student hub (in a vacant room where students used to have break/refreshments) of Otakaari 1 building till whole night. The security guards from Securitas used to visit there on a regular basis (mainly night-time) and especially kept an eye on the "can-bottle collecting homeless guy" (Kundu). Some lobby service staff also randomly visited (mainly daytime) and often peeked inside the room. In continuation of such routine guarding, one night a female guard (Sanna) came for surveilling. Exceptionally, instead of any sort of argument or hassle, a friendly relation built up between Sanna and Kundu. However, with times having passed, Kundu being a busy student under enormous academic pressure (let alone with a bad reputation of collecting cans and bottles) fell behind Sanna being a busy night-guard with no time, and consequently their friendship faded away, and finally broke down. Sanna performed bullying with such a breakdown of friendship by sharing the story to her co-workers, which added fuel to the fire for bullying from other Securitas guards. Several guards started harassing Kundu by asking about his family details, threatening not to disturb the blondie female guard (Sanna), not to study in the "kitchen" and not to "live" here, etc.

3. Around February 2020 (Spring semester 2020) as the bullying from the Securitas guards reached to the type of order "Instead of staying barefoot you must keep wearing socks all the time", Kundu asked for help to his (former) supervisor, who shared the matter and forwarded to the ELEC coordinator (Mika) about the incident. However, instead of performing the process to request the guards not to harass the students in general, Mika published the identity of Kundu and forwarded the situation to the head of academic affairs of ELEC (Perttu Puska). This was also the moment that the overall staff community came to know about the "poor reputation" of Kundu. Ultimately, Kundu became a permanent victim and got converted to be a potential target of the security staff. As the situation deteriorated; not finding any response from Perttu, Kundu expressed to the school of ELEC in writing about his desire to take legal steps if this situation continues, while Perttu passed the responsibility to the head of security and lobby service (Seija Piiponniemi-Lahti). No comments from Seija on the incident were found later.

   Simultaneously, Kundu started to realize that the buildings of Aalto University had many problems with ease of access. Apart from the fact that student access is much more restricted than staff access, Kundu started to point out several pitfalls of building access and electronic bugs of elevators and access doors. Although the authority of Aalto University changed the electronic locks to strong RFID locks (from Caverion), the systematic pitfalls of access doors and elevators remained there. And one day, such negligence (possibly from e.g., Caverion, ACRE etc.) caused Kundu to stay stuck inside an elevator of Otakaari 1 building for a long time. Kundu also had experiences of bringing out a student who got trapped inside a locked space of Otakaari 1 (the trapped place was

figured out by Kundu beforehand). Despite Kundu mentioning all these facts to the authorities, Kundu got ignored only in return.

Kundu also noticed for the first time that the online platforms "weboodi" and "mycourses" are being used by different instructors and staffs in different ways. Some instructors/personnel are adding students in the wrong courses with or without notice, while some are removing or not removing inactive or dropped/gave up students from weboodi and/or mycourses. Kundu discovered that very few teachers are providing an equivalent workload of ~135 hours for a 5 ECTS credits (1 ECTS credit ~ 27 hours workload), while most of the teachers are putting almost 200~300 hours workload (sometimes even more than that) for just a 5 ECTS credit course, completed in just one period (6 weeks) or two periods (12 weeks) with tons of assignments. Excessive amounts of task processing bugs and digital faults in different platforms like A+, TIM, Aalto email settings etc. were also figured out by Kundu. Most of the teachers are performing absolute grading even for 0.5 points difference between the lower and higher grades, and creating their own evaluation procedures, scales, and standards time-to-time with no teaching ethics at all. When a student is failing in a course, some teachers are specifically providing '0' or "Fail", while most of the others are not providing any grade at all and providing grades to passed students only. Lectures from some teachers are not properly understandable as some of them might have vocal/verbal issues (e.g., Dyslexia etc. with due respect to those teachers). Kundu also found that equivalent courses are not electronically replacing one another with the latest completed one, despite a higher grade or equal. Grading methods of many courses are suddenly being changed without prior notification, e.g., "pass" grade (does not affect CGPA) to numerical grade (1-5) (contribute to CGPA) or vice versa.

Kundu realized that not all the staff are equally capable to maintain and/or follow such tiny details with accuracy all the time. Nonetheless, the more Kundu found such problems/mistakes and informed the student service/ learning service/ e-support/ it-service, the more Kundu started to get neglected, and the staff ended up being irritated and disturbed because of this exact student.

Afterwards, the Coronavirus pandemic took place, and the buildings were closed for the students until further notice. The Aalto University authority took a nasty step by keeping the staff access available only (assuming the staffs are immune to covid) and banning the student access for unlimited time. Coronavirus related regulations were also kept changing abruptly time-to-time for the students on accessing the university buildings and premises.

4. Around September 2020 (Autumn semester 2020) in one afternoon, Kundu was having lunch and simultaneously doing work on his laptop inside the restaurant of Konemiehentie 2. A woman (in fact a lobby service female staff member with no uniform) passed by Kundu a couple of times. After some time Kundu realized that the same woman (this time she had her lobby service uniform) was standing

at some distance behind him, observing him while having a chat with someone else. Suddenly the staff came to Kundu and said, “you are a student and you are not eating, right?” Kundu got confused initially, but confidently replied that he is a student, and he is indeed eating. The lobby service woman ordered Kundu either to go to the designated room for the students prior to reservation and eat there, or to get out of the building with the food. The staff also demanded that this is the latest Covid guidelines from the school and showed an email in her mobile phone. Kundu declined the order from the lobby service staff mentioning that some people are still sitting and gossiping inside the restaurant, and Kundu demanded to leave after fully eating his lunch as long as the restaurant is not being closed. A small argument took place between Kundu and the lobby service female staff, while the staff lost her temper and called Securitas guards to kick out the student. After some time, a security staff came and checked Kundu’s identification, and gently requested to go out after promptly eating. Kundu finished his lunch but instead of leaving the building, he went to the lobby service office to find the name of the lobby service woman (Anni). Kundu had another brief argument with Anni and threatened to complain about her “racial” behavior. Having the upper hand of being a staff, Anni not only performed the complainant first (and faster), but also spread a slander by sharing the incident with other co-workers, including the restaurant shopkeepers. That was the crucial moment that Kundu became a “threat” and a “serious problem” for the overall staff community of Aalto University. Kundu also became a potential target for both security staff and lobby service staff.

The complaint ultimately reached the top level. While Kundu asked for help from his (former) supervisor, the supervisor reprimanded Kundu asking the reason for consistent collisions with the staff. Kundu tried to explain the fact that the two incidents are completely separate issues. Nonetheless, Kundu recognized later that there was a connection between all the collisions with the staff until now, and this bad reputation will cost him in the future (already cost).

The next month Kundu, being suspected of academic misconduct, was called for a hearing by Perttu, in presence of Seija and the Dean of ELEC. Despite Kundu explaining the exact situation and also the previous incidents in detail, Kundu ended up receiving an academic warning for violating code of conduct. Although Kundu requested to check the actual incident through CCTV footage, Perttu denied the availability of such evidence. Kundu had no other ways to accept the decision, and Kundu also limited using the university buildings in a way to avoid contact with any staff from lobby service or security guards.

At this stage, Perttu arranged a meeting with the study coordinator (Eeva) and student psychologist (Mikko), suspecting that Kundu is suffering from mental health issues. Kundu accepted the invitation and had several sessions with the psychologist. The summary of different sessions was such that Kundu has been suffering from “Asperger Syndrome,” (surprisingly detected within quite a short period of time by the psychologist although such medical assessment takes

much longer and usually executed by a “psychiatrist”) and also, Kundu is speculating/suspecting/imagining too many “unreal” things. Although Kundu tried to explain that the complaints are not just speculation but true regardless of being “mentally stressed” or not; he was ignored again. At a stage Kundu gave up the counseling realizing that it is not working for him.

5. The time is February 2021 (Spring semester 2021). Kundu was pressured to get graduated at any cost before the semester ends, by his (former) supervisor and the recently met (former) advisor (Tommi). The situation was such that getting graduated was not only practically impossible for Kundu, but also from the perspective of the advisor in such a short notice, let alone in the pandemic situation. Despite the supervisor providing Kundu with a revised target of courses and credits to earn and get graduated, Kundu did not succeed to graduate. Although Kundu requested many times from his (former) supervisor for a study space and a thesis working position for a quicker and better academic outcome, however, was denied due to his poor impression among the staff community.

   This was also the moment that comparatively less bug-prone “weboodi” was replaced by hardly capable of properly functioning “sisu” (from Funidata), which not only made the lives of students more complicated, but the personnel also kept suffering from it. However, staff of ELEC used this inconvenience largely against the students, and Kundu was one of them. Although Kundu informed everything to the authorities as usual (e.g., course registration fault, course names being repeated, problem in grade receiving, teachers name not being visible in the transcripts etc.), Kundu gave up the expectation of getting any sorts of help.

   Pressured by the school and the supervisor, Kundu passed the message to his home country, from where a one-year fee of 15000€ was arranged and paid by his parents. After one week of that, a one semester extension with mitigated tuition fee was provided to Kundu. Based on the fact that Kundu informed the school of ELEC that a one-year fee (15000€) was paid by his parents already, the school of ELEC returned half of a semester fee (7500€) to Kundu.

6. The Autumn semester 2021 began. Although Kundu was not able to graduate, under huge mental pressure Kundu was able to complete 64 ECTS in the previous academic year, which was eligible for the Dean’s scholarship. However, Kundu was technically rejected by the staff of ELEC to have the scholarship - one of whom mentioned that Kundu did not register for the scholarship in a timely manner, while another demanded that Kundu completed 59 credits only.

   As an economically needy student Kundu was desperately applying for different job positions inside and outside of the university, but he was arguably the “worst” choice for the selectors for being an infamous character to the staff

community. However, this was the critical moment for Kundu to have the chance to show and set an example of how the proper teaching methods should be, as Kundu was nominated a teaching assistant by the teacher (Markus) of a compulsory course, which Kundu failed in it twice before (as the course contains some advanced and difficult tasks with high workload). Initially, Markus rejected Kundu's application for the TA position based on an interview during the previous semester, but later Markus ended up with a TA lacking. Because of the highly excessive workload this course was infamous in a way that whoever did the TA job once for this course, never did it twice (Except Juho, a research personnel and co-worker of Markus).

Kundu sensed that he possibly will not be granted any more (Autumn) semesters and it is his last chance to pass this compulsory course, so Kundu stepped ahead of being the TA of the course himself. Markus picked Kundu as he was out of options, and later he was satisfied with the effort that Kundu put in. For some reason, the students in that semester displayed so much outstanding performance that Markus had to raise his grading standards from his usual scale (to cope with the ELEC guideline of grading i.e., "not to be generous to provide good grades"). However, Kundu had to sacrifice his master's thesis to operate the highly loaded compulsory course and simultaneously to pass it by himself.

7. The time is January 2022 (Spring semester 2022). On behalf of the school of ELEC, both Eeva and Perttu demanded Kundu to provide medical certification (e.g., for mental disability) for getting extension and tuition fee mitigation. Previously half of a semester fee (7500€) was returned to Kundu as the scholarship was already granted (probably mistakenly, as they did not realize that Kundu already paid a one-year tuition fee, but now they know). Kundu had no other ways to find a medical report to submit to Eeva, to get a tuition fee mitigated semester. However, there were no medical staff available during the pandemic moment to write and attest a medical certificate on demand. Based on such a situation, Kundu could not submit any medical documents before the provided deadline. Perttu and Eeva signed a rejection of tuition fee mitigation providing some facts which were not what exactly happened. Kundu was stunned by such fabrication from Perttu and wrote to the vice-president within 14 days, who signed the final decision (although Kundu suspected that the writing was from Perttu himself and the signature only belonged to the vice-president). With no support and negative feedback from the supervisor, and lack of mutual understanding with the advisor, Kundu abandoned the entire master's thesis and switched to a new supervisor. Although the new supervisor did not provide any study place/ master's thesis position either (it was predictable based on the common rumors about Kundu), Kundu assured his new supervisor that he is confident to complete the master's thesis within this semester.

   (In the meantime, Russia attacked Ukraine, and also threatened Finland for nuclear attack, which created chaos all over Finland that was not fully recovered from the pandemic yet. A panic situation took place, and the proper study

environment was completely shattered. Many people either escaped Finland or joined army, but Kundu remained there as ultimately, he had no way to "escape.")

As usual, there were recruitment notices from the ELEC to perform teaching assistance, this time with a bachelor level summer course, where Kundu also applied "just for formalities" (as he knew he would never be picked up). However, the responsible personnel (Petri) picked up Kundu, but it was a bit late for him to know that he made a "mistake" by picking up the "wrong" person. Moreover, the responsible teacher of that "self-learning" course was also the former thesis supervisor of Kundu. Unfortunately, Petri had no suitable options left either as all other his "options" either went to "summer vacation" outside Finland or joined "army." Although this course was quite easier for the caliber of Kundu and he ensured his former supervisor that completing master's thesis will not be a problem with this teaching assistance, Kundu could not concentrate on the thesis at all and finally decided to give up his master's degree. It is because Kundu finally discovered and understood the actual bare-naked situation of the courses, and the overall educational level of Aalto University.

Initially Kundu manually started to find out the bugs of the "TIM" platform that bothered all the students and made a list of the disorganized course contents as students started to face problems with connections of the course contents. Kundu solved all the exercises by himself in no time, but many students (especially native students including Finnish and Finnish-Swedish students) kept complaining that many prerequisites of this course are unknown to them as their higher-middle schools/colleges did not teach them properly. The situation became more messed up when a student privately informed Kundu that the solutions of the exact same problems are available online e.g., on websites like Chegg etc. with the help of web platforms like Discord and other dark-webs etc., where students can buy/download those solutions. Kundu checked the situation by himself as the same exercise questions were being repeated for years unedited, and immediately informed Petri; while Petri suggested ignoring them and not to panic or worry for such "small" issues. However, the professors of the department (especially the former and the present supervisor) got the message that instead of concentrating on thesis, Kundu is performing some "unnecessary" tasks and wasting valuable time. As Kundu started to find more problems like student plagiarism (e.g. copy-pasting previous year solution without even reading the questions as the traces were available), technical mistakes in solution manuals etc. which also remained unnoticed for a long time, he shared the situation with Markus (previous manager), and also with his present supervisor (who is also in charge of bachelor curriculum of ELEC). Although there is a clear violation of the code of academic integrity from the teaching perspective in the school of ELEC, Kundu knew that delivering these facts to Perttu (who also handles such issues in ELEC) would be practically "meaningless."

Being sure about the fact that the graduation is also a “meaningless” task now, Kundu proposed a different idea to his former supervisor not to make these efforts a “waste of valuable time.” Kundu requested to perform these tasks as a “special project,” for developing both courses which required teaching assistance by himself. Arguably, Markus was the only (Finnish) personnel who supported Kundu until the end “against the tide” (including acceptance of proposals for such a unique project), and later he convinced Kundu’s former thesis supervisor to award Kundu with 10 credits of Special Project for developing two courses.

8. The time is September 2022. Kundu was never provided any more tuition fee mitigated semester. As soon as Kundu ended the TA contract with Aalto University, Kundu decided to rebel and sued the unjustified decisions from Perttu and his school of ELEC, Aalto University for the very first time at the district court (Länsi-uudenmaan käräjäoikeus, julkinen oikeusapu numero 106122222/ T13014022374). The hatred for the “psychopath” (Kundu) converted into a discomfortable situation in the school of ELEC, as the legal action from Kundu concerned the overall staff community, especially from the school of ELEC. Since Kundu already gave up everything and had nothing to lose anymore, Kundu continued editing his incomplete thesis with no study right left. However, luck did not accompany Kundu as he got infected by Covid and the whole non-attending semester went in vain.

9. Spring 2023, when Kundu recovered from Covid. Kundu applied for a tuition fee mitigation but got rejected, as expected. Two days before Kundu’s Aalto account became disabled, Kundu had to confront a lobby service staff, who performed systematic harassment on Kundu and illegally took photos of Kundu’s (expired) student id card. This time Kundu informed Seija about the details and the actual reason for such consistent harassment in details (e.g., some lobby service guys are also professionally collecting cans and bottles and have been attacking Kundu for being a competitor to them). However, again, no comment from Seija was found on this issue. The school facilities was permanently closed for Kundu in such a way that one night, he was invited by a research assistant (staff with 24 hour access) inside school facilities asking help with some academic works, but the Securitas guards detected Kundu through CCTV cameras, came to check his student identity (for formalities, as they already knew that this “familiar” guy has no study rights anymore), and kicked him out of the building.

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(These were the overall events until now. Many small colliding incidents of regular days remained untold here, while those included all sorts of bullying, insulting, kicking out of the building (even during working as a TA) etc. from both the security guards and the lobby service staff.)

Kundu strongly believes that in this way, many students (especially non-native students) in Aalto University are treated unfairly and ruthlessly, but no one raises their voice being pressured or afraid of many things to lose. Kundu also knows the fact very well that his “crusade” against the evil in Aalto University will remain unheard, unnoticed, and unrecognized for good. Kundu is aware of the fact that by raising his voice, he gets nothing in return. Nonetheless, there are many students in Aalto University like Kundu, who deserve a bit of empathy and kindness, instead of ignorance and indignity. Kundu thinks that a student with a university degree has no value if a character with ethics and morality does not develop, which are expected to be learnt from the university staff; and that is the most valuable and most important lesson that students should learn from the university.

Kundu admits the fact that staying silent and tolerating (or favoring) a criminal act is itself an equivalent criminal act. That is why Kundu, standalone, finally decided to protest executing harassment, defamation, and unjustified decisions from personnel like Perttu Puska, Seija Piiponniemi-Lahti, and all the administrative staff working under them, and formally complaining against them.

The honorable authority is begged to take necessary steps and oblige thereby.
Compensations (Part-1):

1. 7500€ semester fee that has been taken away providing unjustified decisions (documents available from Länsi-uudenmaan käräjäoikeus, julkinen oikeusapu numero 106122222/ T13014022374),
2. 500€ of dean's scholarship for completing 60 credits in one academic year (documents available from Länsi-uudenmaan käräjäoikeus, julkinen oikeusapu numero 106122222/ T13014022374),
3. Danske Bank penalty (total monthly service charge of 35.20€ from September 2022 to December 2022) for taking away studentship (receipts available upon request),
4. a physiotherapy fee of 9€ during covid sickness as YTHS was cut off (receipt available upon request),
5. Tuition fee mitigated study right of the Autumn 2023 semester (compensating for unattended semester Autumn 2018).

# PhD position [redacted] at TAU

Inbox ×

[redacted] (TAU) [redacted]@tuni.fi> Tue, May 7, 2:05 PM

to me

Dear Suvro Jyoti Kundu

Thank you for your interest in our PhD position on [redacted]. If you are still interested, do I have your permission to contact your Msc supervisors, Prof Olav Tirkkonen to ask him a recommendation about your work?

I also saw that you completed your Msc thesis with grade 3 - was it any particular reason or challenge for which you could not reach a 4 or 5 level?

Thank you and best regards

[redacted]

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S **Suvro Jyoti Kundu** <sjkundu13@gmail.com> Tue, May 7, 2:59 PM

to [redacted]

Dear Prof. [redacted]

Sure, please proceed with contacting the thesis supervisor.

Sincerely,
Kundu.

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[redacted] (TAU) [redacted]@tuni.fi> Wed, May 8, 3:45 PM

to me

Dear Suvro Jyoti Kundu

I have sent a request for a recommendation to Prof Olav Tirkkonen 2 days ago but no answer so far; if you are still in contact with him, could you kindly ask him to provide a short recommendation via email to me?
Thank you and best regards

[redacted]

## Pernu Anna

**From:** Pernu Anna
**Sent:** tiistai 7. toukokuuta 2024 14.55
**To:** sjkundu13@gmail.com
**Subject:** Decision to your appeal
**Attachments:** Kundu_decision_2024_4_24.pdf; Kundu_decision_2024_4_24_annex_proposal.pdf

Hi,

Aalto University Academic Appeals Board has processed your appeal against the grading of your master's thesis. Please find attached Academic Appeals Board's decision to your appeal and the written grounds for the decision.

Please notice that section "Appendices" in the decision refers to the documentary material that was available to the Academic Appeals Board when resolving the matter. The material has been listed in more detail in the written proposal. This e-mail includes two appendices (the decision and the proposal).

The minutes have been approved electronically, so that's why there are no signatures in the decision. This doesn't have an effect on the decision itself but the decision is final.

Ystävällisin terveisin
Best regards

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**Appeal against grading**

**Appeal filed by**

Sowgat Kundu

**Study attainment**

Master's thesis "Joint PHY and MAC Layer Modeling for Ultra-reliable Random Access" was assigned the grade of (3) on 22 January 2024 by the Degree Programme Committee for Computer, Communication and Information Sciences.

**Grade appeal**

26 January 2024

**Documentary material**

For resolving the issue, the Aalto University Academic Appeals Board has the following documents

1. Grade appeal 26 January 2024 (*Partly confidential, Act on the Openness of Government Activities (Section 24, subsection 1, paragraph 25). The secretary of the Academic Appeals Board has the original document.)*
2. Extract from minutes, DPC 1/2024 22 January 2024 with following appendices
    a. Approval of master's thesis, Appendix 2b/1, page 1 (information concerning other students covered)
    b. Evaluation statement, Prof. Olav Tirkkonen 12 January 2024
    c. Thesis
3. Request for statement 7 February 2024
4. Statement DPC 11 March 2024 with following appendices
    a. Statement, Professor Olav Tirkkonen 15 February 2024
    b. Machine translation of Olav Tirkkonen's statement
5. Request for response 18 March 2024
6. Sowgat Kundu's response 22 March 2024 (*Partly confidential, Act on the Openness of Government Activities (Section 24, subsection 1, paragraph 23). The secretary of the Academic Appeals Board has the original document.)* with following appendices
    a. Sowgat Kundu's e-mail to Anna Pernu 22 March 2024
    b. Sowgat Kundu's complaint 3 July 2023 (*Partly confidential, Act on the Openness of Government Activities (Section 24, subsection 1, paragraphs 23 and 25). The secretary of the Academic Appeals Board has the original document.)*
    c. Statement, Anita Bisi and Jenni Tulensalo 1 February 2023 (*Partly confidential, Act on the Openness of Government Activities (Section 24, subsection 1, paragraph 23). The secretary of the Academic Appeals Board has the original document.)*
    d. Statement on thesis progress, Prof. Riku Jäntti 27 January 2023
    e. Statement on thesis progress, Prof. Olav Tirkkonen 13 January 2023
    f. Document 6f *(Confidential, Act on the Openness of Government Activities (Section 24, subsection 1, paragraph 23). The secretary of the Academic Appeals Board has the original document.)*
    g. Document 6g *(Confidential, Act on the Openness of Government Activities (Section 24, subsection 1, paragraphs 23 and 25). The secretary of the Academic Appeals Board has the original document.)*

**Procedure of Aalto University Academic Appeals Board**

Under regulations approved by the Aalto University Academic Affairs Committee governing the operations of the Academic Appeals Board, the Academic Appeals Board must offer the teacher or body in charge of the decision appealed against a chance to respond to the appeal

unless the asking of a response is apparently unnecessary. In addition, it needs to acquire other necessary accounts and statements.

If the Aalto University Academic Appeals Board regards it necessary in the light of the rectification request (appeal) filed by the student, it may at its discretion rectify the decision or resubmit it for deliberation to the body who has made the original decision.

**Grounds for decision**

Grade appeal (document 1)

Sowgat Kundu (the Student) has appealed against the grading decision. They request rectification of the thesis grade to a grade of 5.

The thesis supervisor has stated in the evaluation statement that it took more than 1,5 years to complete the thesis. According to the Student, there were several factors affecting this (acting as a teaching assistant, not having an attending status for a long period of time and health reasons) and actually they were able to properly work on the thesis for 5-6 months. The Student also finds that they were not provided with sufficient facilities that are provided to other students, such as a master's thesis worker position or a research assistant position.

The Student finds that the supervisor has not taken into account in the evaluation that the Student was not an expert on the thesis topic but a novice, or that the thesis has been written manually instead of using modern technologies like artificial intelligence. According to the Student, most of the specific feedback given in the thesis assessment was not provided to them earlier but the supervisor emphasized finishing the work quickly. The Student refers to their excellent performance in other major courses.

The Student states that they received warnings and unfair decisions from the school and were subjected to systematic harassment and defamation by the overall staff community of the university. The Student suggests that their poor reputation may have affected the grading.

Issuing a response, the Degree Programme Committee (documents 4-4b)

Degree Programme Committee for Computer, Communication and Information Sciences (DPC) gave a statement (4). For its statement the committee got a response (4a) from the thesis supervisor, Professor Olav Tirkkonen (the Supervisor).

The Supervisor gives an elaborate account of the thesis process. According to the Supervisor, some of the reasons contributing to the delay in completing the thesis were independent of the Student, but completing the thesis took much longer than 6 months regardless. According to the Supervisor, the Student was given much more support than an average student and specific advice on the shortcomings of the thesis during the writing process too. The Supervisor also points out that it is not possible to give feedback to improve the quality of the work, if the work is submitted to the supervisor at the latest minute.

The Supervisor states that all theses are evaluated according to same principles. Every student starts with a new problem in their thesis and all theses are expected to be written by students themselves. Getting a job or a visitor position at the department and the thesis writing process are separate things, and theses and courses are evaluated separately.

The Supervisor states that they have nothing to add to the original evaluation statement. They find it difficult to understand Student's claim that Student's reputation might have affected the grading.

The DPC refers in its statement (4) to Supervisor's rejoinder and to the Guideline for Master's Thesis Evaluation of the Aalto University School of Electrical Engineering. The DPC finds grade 3 to be the most appropriate grade for the thesis. The DPC does not find grounds for rectification of the thesis grade to a grade of 5.

Issuing a response, the Student (documents 6-6g)

The Student elaborates on the events during the thesis process. They refer to a statement the school has given on their study progress. The Student also repeats their opinion that they were not provided with such necessary facilities and support that they would have been entitled to.

The Student states that the barriers and discrimination they have faced as a student is beyond imagination and if their performance is taken into account, improving the grade to a grade of 5 would be the least amount of compensation they deserve. The Student refers to a complaint they filed to the police concerning the actions of the university personnel.

Rules and Regulations

Guideline for Master's Thesis Evaluation of the Aalto University School of Electrical Engineering should be followed. According to the School's guidelines

> "The master's thesis is an independent research project completed by the student. The supervisor shall evaluate all parts of the complete thesis submitted for evaluation, including the title page. As applicable, other factors such as the independent contribution of the student and his/her ability to stay on the agreed schedule may be considered in the evaluation process.
>
> The extent of the master's thesis shall be 30 credits, equivalent of six months of fulltime studies. The period of time spent working on the master's thesis may in reality be longer if the student is at the same time carrying out other studies or duties.
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> Students shall have a maximum of one year to complete their thesis. In order to be eligible for the grade 5, the actual time (counted from the start of the thesis to finalizing it with the exception of e.g. delays consequential to the nature of the study, waiting for the equipment or similar) spent working on the thesis cannot exceed six months. If the student greatly exceeds the time agreed on with the supervisor the grade may be affected.
>
> However, delays beyond the control of the student, such as falling ill, and extended studies towards the degree at the same time, will be considered extenuating circumstances.
>
> The thesis supervisor submits a written statement on the thesis with a proposal for a grade, i.e. an evaluation statement to the Degree Programme Committee. When preparing the report, the supervisor may also request statements from the advisor(s). In cases where the supervisor has proposed the grade '5' or '1' or 'fail', the Degree Programme Committee shall either be provided with a supporting statement from a professor from an Aalto University School of technology or a university lecturer who is familiar with the field on question; or the initial statement shall be signed by another professor or university lecturer.
>
> Collegial assessment, e.g. within the department, is also highly recommended.
>
> Having familiarized itself with the examiner's report and any additional statements, the Degree Programme Committee shall decide on the approval of the thesis and on its grading."

According to the School's guidelines following five aspects are considered when evaluating master's theses: *Definition of research scope and goals, Command of the topic, Methods and conclusions, Contribution to knowledge and thesis structure, Presentation and language*. An individual thesis may contain characteristics of many different grade descriptions; it is the overall quality that determines the final grade. The descriptions in the Guideline for Master's Thesis Evaluation outline the extent to which the thesis must meet the set criteria in order to be assigned the grade 3 (good) and 5 (excellent):

> Grade 3 (Good): *A well-structured and independently written master's thesis.* The thesis *has all the necessary elements* and good unity, *but no particular merits*. The examiner's report *identifies definite needs for improvement*. A good thesis, which meets the basic

requirements in at least the following respects: (more detailed description in the Guideline for Master's Thesis Evaluation)

Grade 5 (Excellent): An exceptionally meritorious thesis demonstrating *very good skills in creating or applying technical or scientific knowledge*. The thesis is impeccable in all respects, which is apparent primarily from the following: (more detailed description in the Guideline for Master's Thesis Evaluation)

Conclusions

The Academic Appeals Board comments only on the grading of the study attainment that has been appealed against and factors that may have been relevant to it. The Academic Appeals Board does not comment on any other dissatisfactions or allegations of misconduct. In their appeal, the Student has suggested that their reputation may have affected the grading. However, they have not specified who of those people who have participated in the grading process would have possibly had some kind of prejudice towards them and on what specific grounds.

According to the statements and accounts available, the guidelines for thesis evaluation have been adequately followed in the evaluation process.

Based on the accounts and statements, Student's thesis is a good thesis which meets the basic requirements set for a thesis. In the original evaluation statement, the Supervisor has commended especially Student's familiarity with the subject matter. However, definite needs for improvement have also been identified in the statements. E.g. the research scope and goals could have been defined and motivated more precisely. The choice of the method could be motivated better and the sufficiency of the method discussed. Based on Supervisor's rejoinder, the Student has also needed significant amount of guidance, and the delay in completing the thesis has not been caused only by reasons beyond Student's control. Based on the accounts and statements, the thesis does not meet the requirements for grade 5 but corresponds with the requirements for grade 3 in the thesis evaluation guidelines.

The Degree Programme Committee has given sufficient grounds for assigning the grade 3 according to the applicable evaluation criteria. Sufficient grounds for rectification of the thesis grade to a grade of 5 have not been presented.

**A proposal for the Decision**

Academic Appeals Board rejects the appeal. The grade 3 remains the same.

The decision of the Academic Appeals Board is final and cannot be appealed against (Universities Act, section 84(2)).

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**Liitteet/Appendices**
Kundu_00_proposal
Kundu_annex1_appeal_confidential_parts_covered
Kundu_annex2_extract_from_minutes_DPC_22012024
Kundu_annex2a_DPC_22012024_appendix_only_Kundu
Kundu_annex2b_evaluation_statement
Kundu_annex3_request_for_statement
Kundu_annex4_statement_DPC
Kundu_annex4a-4b_rejoinder_and_translation
Kundu_annex5_request_for_response
Kundu_annex6_response_confidential_part_covered
Kundu_annex6a_e-mail
Kundu_annex6b_complaint_confidential_parts_covered
Kundu_annex6c_6e_statements_confidential_parts_covered

**Päätösesitys/Decision proposal**

Academic Appeals Board rejects the appeal. The grade 3 remains the same.

The decision of the Academic Appeals Board is final and cannot be appealed against (Universities Act, section 84(2)).

Oikaisupyyntö hylätään. Arvosana 3 jää voimaan.

Opintosuoritusten arvostelua koskevaan oikaisumenettelyssä tehtyyn päätökseen ei saa hakea muutosta valittamalla. (Yliopistolaki 84 § 2 mom.)

**Valmistelija/Rapporteur**

Anna Pernu
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**Päätös/Decision**

According to proposal/Esityksen mukaan

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# A Criminal Complaint Against Two Personnel and Other Staffs Working Beneath Them for Jointly Performing Defamation, Insultation, and Executing Unjustified Decisions on me

## (Part 2)

Suvro Jyoti Kundu
31.07.2024

The victim student:

1. Suvro Jyoti Kundu

   - Composed a master's thesis despite being physically sick, with no study right, no thesis workers position, no thesis fund or work environment, got a grade of '3' as a result of systematic punishment.

   - The thesis earned a request for an explanation for the thesis grade not being higher, and a rare thesis recommendation request from outside of Aalto University.

Staffs those are responsible for collectively performing the above crime:

1. Professor Riku Jäntti (former supervisor): A rather influential professor in Aalto University who took retaliatory and vindictive steps against Suvro Jyoti Kundu of downgrading his thesis grade, for giving up a thesis with no fund or position under his supervision, and refusing to teach wrong information according to the given materials in his course "Signals and Systems" during teaching assistance.

2. Professor Olav Tirkkonen (present supervisor): A professor who was manipulated by his senior colleague Professor Riku Jäntti and provided no thesis worker position, fund or work environment either, made a biased downgraded evaluation in his own supervised thesis, and later was unable to provide a thesis recommendation, requested by an external professor of Tampere University.

3. Dr. Perttu Puska: The main culprit of school of ELEC, who previously provided the rejecting decision for tuition fee mitigation by putting official signature of the vice-president, this time provided rejecting decision of academic appeal for rectification of the thesis grade by putting official signature of the head of academic appeal board in readymade documents. Perttu Puska also used his authorized access to reject many job applications of Suvro Jyoti Kundu in Aalto University.

Incoming characters in Kundu's incident (according to the timeline- **Part 2**):
(*Green colored personnel do not belong to Aalto University*)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 0. Suvro Jyoti Kundu | (Graduate, former TA) | as Kundu |
| 1. Professor Olav Tirkkonen | | as present supervisor |
| 2. Perttu Puska | (Opintoasiainpäällikkö) | as Perttu |
| 3. Seija Piiponniemi-Lahti | (Turvallisuuspäällikkö) | as Seija |
| 4. Outi Väisänen | | as Outi |
| 5. Markus Peuhkuri | | as Markus |
| 6. Professor Riku Jäntti | | as former supervisor |
| 7. Ville Hartikainen | | as Ville |
| 8. Anna Pernu | | as Anna |
| 9. Virpi Ojala | | as Virpi |
| 10. Professor Simona Lohan | (Tampereen yliopisto) | as the external |
| 11. Professor Kristiina Mäkelä | | as the provost |
| 12. Professor Ilkka Niemelä | | as the president |
| 13. Mikko Siilasmaa | (Opetus- ja kulttuuriministeriö) | as the investigators |
| 14. Samuli Parkkinen | (Opetus- ja kulttuuriministeriö) | as the investigators |

Description in detail and time-by-time frame:
(The remaining story of Suvro Jyoti Kundu in Aalto University- **Part 2**)

Aalto University always believed in quantity over quality, and prioritized the number of graduates regardless of what education did they achieve while graduating from the university. More graduate will produce more funds from the ministry of education. Moreover, foreign students from outside of the EU region can also be used as ATM machine to extract money, providing with enough systematic punishment. After all, universities act as autonomous institutions in Finland and are independent, trusted, legal entities, which is why they stay above all rules and regulations.

Although Aalto University authorities did not need a "trouble" like Kundu, it required the fund produced from Kundu's graduation, which was pending only because of his incomplete master's thesis. Also, the university would have required to provide a reasonable explanation to the ministry of education on why a student was not able to graduate with only master's thesis pending, to bury the conspiracies properly.

As it was previously mentioned, Aalto account was shut down for Kundu while approximately one month work left, and the thesis workflow was suddenly stuck. This caused Kundu fall sick with a chronic disease (Ménière's disease). Also, after overload of teaching and master's thesis work, Kundu's eye vision got affected. Such health problems were a big thrust for Kundu as he was yet to perfectly recover

from Covid, and the possibility of his graduation got lowered than ever. With no thesis working positions, no thesis funds, no working facilities, and such physically unfit situation, not a single personnel of the school of ELEC ever thought that Kundu would be able to complete his master's thesis and graduate. However, along with all these impediments Kundu not only completed the thesis and got graduated, but also inflicted a catastrophe in Aalto University with that thesis as the authorities of Aalto University again tried to punish Kundu systematically and got exposed red-handedly.

10. Around couple of weeks before the Autumn semester 2023 to be started, the present supervisor contacted Kundu asking the latest condition of the thesis, as Kundu provided his supervisor with the incomplete thesis till the moment Kundu's Aalto account was active. Technically, after consecutive strikes (Oikeus, Poliisi) generated from Kundu against Perttu-Seija duo, there was an extremely low possibility that Kundu would be called back to the university. However, "money is precious", as Outi, a new planning officer of ELEC contacted Kundu requesting necessary documents that affected Kundu's delay in completing master's thesis. Kundu submitted all the documents accordingly, and also shared with Markus about his present physical condition.

    The school of ELEC authorities already inspected all the credits completed by Kundu, and according to them Kundu was taking "extra" courses whenever he was getting the study rights to register a course. Moreover, they thought that Kundu was seeking a perfection in his transcript because of being "mentally stressed", and retaking courses again and again to get '5' and wasting time. To enforce Kundu to only concentrate on the master's thesis, the school of ELEC decided to provide the study right and activate Kundu's Aalto credentials after one month of the first day of the semester, so that the registration deadline of the courses ends, and Kundu cannot register any additional courses or retake any completed courses that starts in period I (*even courses like Communication Theory taken by the present supervisor, which would have helped largely to improve and develop the thesis content a bit more*). This caused Kundu not to receive any Kela invoice as it was not produced, and the invoice ended as a foreclosure (Ulosottomaksu).

    Kundu's Aalto credential activation started with a bug, as expected from Aalto University's "buggy" authority. Kundu could not activate his Aalto account even with Finnish strong identification and it had to manually activate later from the IT service. As Kundu's access card was activated and Kundu was able to go inside the building, one evening Kundu again had a collision with another lobby service staff who belongs to the syndicate of can-bottle collectors association. That lobby service could not believe his eyes when Kundu's access card worked to open the door, as he thought this culprit is not a student anymore, and he was planning to perform a systematic harassment following the guards to be called. Kundu was able to take his photo in quick

time and reported to Seija, as Seija turned down the issue by considering it as a regular checking and simply an isolated incident.

Kundu recognized that a series of complaints has been performed against him to his father on behalf of Aalto University, not only regarding Kundu's overall academic issues (*i.e., Kundu is not graduating willingly*) but also Kundu's personal and social life in Aalto University. Kundu understood that such confidential matters can be possible to deliver to home by only one person (Perttu), as Kundu's father got anxious, paved the way to systematically punish his son further by providing all Kundu's personal information to Perttu (*including mental health related information of his son*), and came to Finland to personally deal with the school of ELEC regarding their son's "troubling behavior". Since every person in the world has some weaknesses, Perttu started more systematic attack targeting Kundu's weakness to break him down, that also made Kundu's academic life unbearable. However, Kundu was mentally strong enough and had sufficient confidence on his own ability and academic caliber to defend the systematic attack from Perttu, as first Kundu enforced his parents to prevent them to contact the school of ELEC about his academic matters, and Kundu's parents finally went back home.

Perttu had another "credit" to delay Kundu's thesis process, as he partially contributed the "buggy" thesis document format of Latex. Firstly, Kundu removed all the bugs in the provided Latex created by Perttu and his troops. Then Kundu learnt Latex coding, debugged the Overleaf thesis format, and recreated his own Latex format to compose the master's thesis prior to keep Aalto University format and requirements unchanged.

With poor physical situation, Kundu was so unable to study and draft the thesis, that even the present supervisor decided to accept the works Kundu did until he was healthy. However, Kundu was not satisfied as he denied to himself that the thesis work was still undone. Along with the sickness Kundu has been suffering, he completed the master's thesis around two weeks left of the study right being ended. Kundu's supervisor thoroughly checked Kundu's thesis and provided the necessary directions for further modification and rectification. Afterwards, Kundu presented and defended his thesis as he surprised to see that his former supervisor was present there. Kundu finally realized that the sudden behavioral change of his present supervisor was the result of a "gaslighting process" performed by his former supervisor.

Even after defending the thesis successfully, the present supervisor demanded to write a one-page of conclusion, while a month ago he already accepted an incomplete thesis. Kundu already submitted to the eAge platform the thesis once after the presentation is done, however, decided to write a conclusion and resubmitted the thesis. At this stage, another planning officer Ville interrupted Kundu mentioning that the format of thesis must be pdf-A. Kundu downloaded new Latex format of pdf-A, debugged it again and uploaded it.

However, while about to upload the thesis to the archive, there were 3 different versions as Ville deleted the other two versions that included the latest edited conclusion. Later Ville replaced the file with the version that included the conclusion part, but the difference between the two versions in "number of pages" were not edited by Ville and remained the same.

11. Spring 2024. The decision for Oikeus and Poliisi went against Kundu, as expected. Even after completion of the thesis, Kundu decided to make things complicated for the school of ELEC, as he denied getting graduated without getting the compensations. This created irritation in the school of ELEC, as Perttu not only contacted Kundu's father but also the housing authority HOAS to threaten Kundu to remove from student apartment after 6 months, despite many students after graduation are living in HOAS apartment with no issues at all. Other systematic threats like reporting to Migri on behalf of school of ELEC was not possible as Kundu's residence permit related decision was already pending at the district court since Kundu's medical condition. Considering Kundu's father already spent a lot of money for his son just to earn a certificate, Kundu requested Outi not to complain to his father anymore as he is agreeing to graduate.

    In the meantime, noticing that Kundu is still collecting cans and bottles from Aalto premises and having access to the buildings, Perttu-Seija duo decided to deactivate Kundu's access card even though around 5 months were left of Kundu's Aalto account to be shut down permanently. Not only that, but the whole security system of Aalto was changed in a way that many open doors during public hours were locked and required access cards and additionally a password. Perttu-Seija duo felt an ecstasy as Kundu cannot further enter inside those areas where he used to collect cans-bottles from the trash bin, and those will be taken by their beloved lobby service staffs and cleaners from now on.

    Kundu's thesis was graded by the present supervisor as '3'. Although Kundu knew the reason behind this systematic punishment, Kundu decided to methodically proceed and appealed against the decision, which was received by Anna, a dummy staff just to process the formalities. Riku-Olav duo (both the former and the present supervisor) provided sufficient reasons mentioning that the thesis quality is very ordinary, and the completion took way longer than expected (including the sickness period). In a question to answer about master's thesis working position, the former supervisor strategically removed the "thesis" word and mentioned that master's working position is not a mandatory requirement and not related to the quality of thesis. Both supervisors acted as being "surprised" while Kundu mentioned about the systematic harassment related issue from the personnel of Aalto University as a reason of not getting '5' in the thesis.

    During the graduation ceremony, Kundu figured out a few minor mistakes on the study transcript as he consulted with Virpi, another planning officer.

Previously Kundu informed the study office many times that some English course names are not properly capitalized and done in Finnish/Swedish style. Such grammatical mistakes in websites and documents of a top ranked university in Finland is disgraceful. However, everyone ignored the issue, as Virpi apologized that these issues cannot be solved since there are worse problems than these, including wrong course names/codes, spelling mistakes and others. Mistake is obviously normal in every institution of the world, although Kundu felt that the mindset for detecting and correcting those mistakes were missing from the thinking process of the think tank of Aalto University. Or IT service was afraid and reluctant to perform any such procedure which might introduce new bugs in the system, as the system is going well according to them.

Kundu discussed the overall matters with Markus. About the thesis grade, Markus hinted Kundu that there is an incredibly low possibility that it can be rectified, and even with such extraordinary results Kundu is encouraged to apply in other universities like University of Helsinki, Tampere University, University of Oulu etc. Kundu understood that Markus was under pressure because of taking Kundu's side, as Markus has a family, and he has a job to do for living. Kundu wholeheartedly expressed his gratitude to Markus for supporting him against the tide.

The "maniac" (Kundu) is finally gone now. The doors are perfectly safe, so are the cans- bottles inside the trash bin. The amount of pain (Oikeus, Poliisi etc.) given by this "lunatic" (Kundu) was exhausting and obnoxious for all the personnel, and it was confirmed that this guy will not be allowed further in any future working positions including PhD or research and teaching related tasks in Aalto University. The authorities and personnel are about to have a party on crucifixion of the "psycho", and again, life was beautiful and full of happiness for them ever-after.

However, a small and unexpected incident shattered everything.

Aalto University authority forgot that master's thesis is a public document. Although some students hide the thesis in the archive to be public, Kundu had nothing to hide in his thesis as it was publicly available. As Kundu applied in various positions of different universities, a professor from Tampere University, who is also one of the leading torchbearers of wireless communication all over the world, IEEE publisher and editor, often acts as external examiner in public PhD defenses, received Kundu's application for a doctoral position. The external checked Kundu's transcript as all the courses are graded '5' but the thesis is graded '3', which felt a bit suspicious to her. The external downloaded the thesis, studied it fully, and scrutinized it from top to bottom. Sensing something fishy, the external requested for a thesis recommendation to Kundu's present supervisor and asked if this guy (Kundu) did anything in the university as the thesis grade of this guy is not higher.

As it were an explosion happened from nowhere in the overall Aalto University and got jolted. The present supervisor got an eternal silence, as the external asked Kundu the reason of his thesis supervisor professor Olav Tirkkonen is not responding to her inquiry. The external asked Kundu the reason of providing the thesis grade as '3' and not '5'. Kundu recognized that if he exposes the actual reason, it would be catastrophic for Aalto University. But Kundu did not want to instantly expose the overall incidents as Kundu felt grateful that he learnt many practical lessons while going through his master's studies. Moreover, the cans-bottles from the trash bin of Aalto premises temporarily helped Kundu to survive when all the money of Kundu was gone.

Coincidently after some hour of the external made an inquiry to the present supervisor, on the same day, Kundu received the notification from Anna that the thesis appeal has been rejected and grade '3' stay as it is. Kundu was surprised as the decision was about to come after 4-5 months according to Anna, but the decision took just 4-5 weeks to get executed. Kundu understood that there are no such things as Academic Appeal Board as the readymade documents are composed by the respectable schools, the same way Kundu's tuition fee mitigation was rejected using a digital signature of the vice-president. Kundu decided to meet his present supervisor, and later also mailed both the former and the present supervisor asking the reason he got punished and how can he compensate. Kundu also requested to both of his supervisor that he can contribute for the university if he is utilized as an asset and encouraged by rectifying the thesis grade to '5', as he can assist on research and teaching related work and perform better than others in Aalto University. However, Riku-Olav duo (both the former and the present supervisor) stayed rigid on their decision. Instead, a mail kept coming from Aalto University recruitment team about a PhD position, as an indication not to expose the incident and to get this job in return.

Kundu begged to the provost and the president of the university through mail about the rectification of the thesis grade, but they never replied. Kundu tried to convince the provost meeting at the end of the summer graduation ceremony that he was only being punished systematically just for collecting cans-bottles and for performing teaching assistance along with academic integrity, but the request went in vain.

Kundu shared his final concerns with Markus asking two questions: a. What is the guarantee that Kundu's PhD thesis will not be punished in the same way that the master's thesis was? And b. Could Riku-Olav duo (both the former and the present supervisor) allow teaching with the same material if their children were the students in the same course "Signals and Systems", since teaching and parenting are very similar things?

Kundu realized that if he does not take a stand for the future helpless non-native students like him, then this type of incident will keep happening in

Aalto University, as the root of the evil must be eradicated forcefully to prevent such issues to happen further. Finally, Kundu decided to expose the incident as he informed the external professor first and confessed everything. The external expressed her condolences. Then Kundu decided to perform as a whistleblower and send all the related documents to the ministry of education and culture. Two investigators from the ministry of education and culture received Kundu's complaint and gave different options to Kundu on how to proceed. Kundu choose the manual investigation performed by the investigators from the ministry of education and culture, as the legal procedures like appealing to chancellor of justice is not sufficient to visualize the ethical perspectives.

Kundu realized that the complaint has been reached at the proper place from where the overall reformation of Aalto University might be started, as the outcome, all the PhD applications of Kundu were rejected by Aalto University, and the housing authority HOAS demanded Kundu to evacuate the room for the next student. In the university premises, guarding company "Securitas" was changed to "Palmia" as an eyewash, although as all the guards and lobby service staffs were kept unchanged and allowed to work independently.

Kundu happily accepted all the tragic consequences and went back to his home country.

Compensations (Part-2):

6. A re-evaluation of the thesis by the thesis supervisor with a grade '5'
7. Ulosottomaksu 48.80€
8. Aalto-yliopiston päällikön menettelyä koskeva asia 119.50€

# Epilogue

The ministry of education and culture sent a notification to Kundu within 2 months regarding the response from Aalto University, and Kundu answered all the inquiries from the ministry of education and culture properly and systematically within the given deadline.

Afterwards, the ministry never responded for the next 11 months, while Kundu tried to contact the ministry several times. Meanwhile there were a whole lot of privacy related changes in several webpages of Aalto University. Several personnel details which were public before, were found as hidden, and all the public view of the courses of MyCourses platform were made private- which required Aalto login. A few courses were manually made public by respective course teachers though.

Since the case involved biased decisions from the police and the court, the ministry decided to go silent by supporting their trusted Finnish personnel, and decided not to handle the case anymore.

Kundu decided to go to Finland and bring all his remaining belongings to move out from Finland permanently and never to go back, while at the airport, arrested by the border guards for investigation during returning his expired residence permit card. The reason for arresting Kundu was a fine that remained unpaid for being guilty of a case "*Järjestystä ylläpitävän henkilön vastustaminen*"- an incident in Helsinki where two security guards (*Miika Luotojärvi* and *Sini Palenius*) intentionally attempted to murder Kundu by suffocating to death. After a while the border guards calmed down and let go of Kundu based on some conversations and instructions they got on the phone, possibly from the police. After leaving Finland Kundu realized that his baggage was thoroughly searched by the airport security and customs suspecting further "criminal" activities, where they found two air-freshener sprays as illegal items and seized them.

Kundu made up his mind to proceed for the Ombudsman on 27.11.2025, giving up the expectation of proper investigation from the Ministry of Education and Culture. Surprisingly after that, the Ministry of Education and Culture got highly proactive and send their final decision in hurry, that one of the signatories put their electronic signature dated on 30.11.2025 (Sunday), indicates the execution of the predetermined negative decision required a holiday office from the officials.

Later, the Ombudsman provided it's negative decision mentioning that the incident is "more than two years old", and won't be handled without any specific reasons. After a few days, the negative decision from the Chancellor of Justice was received, (before official appeal procedure), where the same reason of "more than two years old" was mentioned. Both the decisions from the Ombudsman and the Chancellor of Justice indicated that the instructions provided by the ministry officials were followed in the decision making. Thus, the Finnish systematic racism favored all the Finnish personnel and officials, while venomous personnel e.g. Perttu Puska, Prof. Riku Jäntti etc., supported by the corrupted Ministries of Finland, proudly kept continuing to advanced professionally without any scrutiny in Aalto University.

OPETUS- JA KULTTUURIMINISTERIÖ

**Kirje**

8.10.2024

VN/20286/2024
VN/20286/2024-OKM-7

Sowgat Kundu

Dear Mr. Kundu,

Ministry of Education and Culture has received a response from Aalto University. If you wish to state anything about the response of the university please do so by October 22, 2024 using address kirjaamo.okm(at)gov.fi.

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**Anna Johanssonin vastauspyyntö 17.9.2024 tutkintolautakunnan sihteeri Anna Pernulle**

Olet tutkintolautakunnan sihteeri ja valmistelija.

OKM pyytää Aalto-yliopiston selvitystä Sowgat Kundun OKM:lle tekemän kantelun johdosta. Valmistelen selvitystä.

Yksi asia kantelussa on hänen opinnäytteensä ja arvostelu ja arvostelua koskevan oikaisupyynnön käsittely ja tiedoksianto. Hän on toimittanut osan tutkintolautakunnan asiakirjoista kantelun mukana. Liitän hänen liitteistään päätösasiakirjat oheen.

Hän esittää seuraavia väitteitä ja pyynnön OKM:lle liittyen opinnäytteen arvostelua koskevaan oikaisupyyntöön:

“The thesis supervisor Prof. Olav Tirkkonen, and the head of the degree program committee Prof. Riku Jäntti provided sufficient technical reasons for the thesis grade not to be even near to '5', and I appealed against the decision of the grade.”

“The day a professor from Tampere University made an inquiry to the supervisor asking for a recommendation prior to interviewing me for a phd position, the appeal decision from the Aalto University academic appeal board was promptly given as rejected, and reasonably my supervisor was unresponsive to provide any thesis recommendation. The appeal decision which was meant to be given after 3-4 months from the university academic appeal, was suddenly given just in 5 weeks after sending a response to the degree program committee. It was highly coincidental that a sluggish Finnish institution like Aalto University just got this much quick and proactive, and gave the decision exactly on that day when an external made an inquiry about the thesis grade. Actually these "academic appeal decision" forms are available readymade at the school, and no doubt it was done in a similar manner that my tuition fee mitigations were rejected before, putting some arbitrary dates and digital signatures.”

“Also, I request my master’s thesis to be re-evaluated and provided with the appropriate grade by the thesis supervisor.”

**Pyydän sinulta vastauksia seuraaviin kysymyksiin:**
**-Ovatko oheiset asiakirjat päätöksen tiedoksiantoasiakirjat?**
**-Miten tutkintolautakunnan päätökset varmennetaan tai allekirjoitetaan?**
**-Keille, millä tavoin ja milloin oheinen tutkintolautakunnan päätös on annettu tiedoksi?**
**-Onko asia tullut vireille jonain asiana uudestaan tutkintolautakunnassa päätöksen antamisen jälkeen?**

**Pyydän saada vastaukset tällä viikolla eli viimeistään 20.9.2024.** Ota yhteyttä minuun, jos kysymyksissä on jotain epäselvää tai katsot, että sinulla olisi jotain relevanttia lisättävää.

**Tutkintolautakunnan sihteeri Anna Pernun vastaus 17.9.2024**

”kiitos tiedosta. Vastauksina kysymyksiisi:

- Ovat.

- Tutkintolautakunnassa on edelleen käytäntönä, että kokouksen pöytäkirja tarkastetaan pyytämällä puheenjohtajalta ja kokouksessa valituilta pöytäkirjan tarkastajilta sähköpostitse kuittaukset (tai mahdolliset kommentit) pöytäkirjaan. Otamme tämän syksyn kokouksista alkaen käyttöön myös AaltoSignin sähköpostikuittausten lisäksi, mutta se ei ehdi vaikuttaa tähän nyt käsillä olevaan, keväällä ratkaistuun asiaan. Opiskelijalle on päätöksen tiedoksi antamisen yhteydessä kerrottu, että kokouksen pöytäkirja on hyväksytty sähköisesti, minkä vuoksi päätöksessä ei ole ollut erillisiä allekirjoituksia (ks. myös liitteet). AaltoSignia edeltävältä ajalta pöytäkirjat on toimitettu/toimitetaan arkistoon sähköpostikuittauksineen.

- Päätös on annettu tiedoksi 7.5.2024 sähköpostitse opiskelijalle, sekä yhdellä yhteisellä viestillä koulutusneuvoston sihteerille ja diplomityön valvojalle (ks. lähetetyt viestit ohessa liitteenä). Tarkistin vielä viestisi johdosta tiedoksi antamisen ajankohtaa. Tiedoksi antamiseen on tutkintolautakunnan kokouksen jälkeen kestänyt hieman tavanomaista pidempään, koska olen joutunut kyselemään pöytäkirjan tarkastajien kuittausten perään ja ollut myös itse lomalla vapun aikaan.

- Opiskelijalta ei ole tullut minulle tai tutkintolautakunnalle minkäänlaista yhteydenottoa päätöksen tiedoksi antamisen jälkeen.

Totean omana kantanani, että opiskelijan asia on käsitelty täysin tutkintolautakunnan normaalien menettelyiden mukaisesti ja asian käsittelyssä on kussakin vaiheessa edetty niin nopeasti, kuin on ollut tutkintolautakunnan käsittelytilanteen puolesta mahdollista.

Toivottavasti tämä vastaa kysymyksiin. Olethan yhteydessä, jos tarvitset jonkin kohdan suhteen selvennystä tai lisätietoja,”

## Pernu Anna

**From:** Pernu Anna
**Sent:** tiistai 7. toukokuuta 2024 14.58
**To:** Väisänen Outi; Tirkkonen Olav
**Subject:** Tiedoksi: tutkintolautakunnan päätös opiskelijan oikaisuasiassa
**Attachments:** Kundu_decision_2024_4_24.pdf; Kundu_decision_2024_4_24_annex_proposal.pdf

Hei,

Aalto-yliopiston tutkintolautakunta on käsitellyt opiskelija Sowgat Kundun oikaisupyynnön diplomityön arvostelusta. Lähetän ohessa tiedoksenne tutkintolautakunnan asiassa tekemän päätöksen sekä päätöksen pohjana olleen kirjallisen esityksen perusteluineen.

Tutkintolautakunnan pöytäkirja on hyväksytty sähköisesti, mistä syystä allekirjoitukset puuttuvat. Itse päätös on kuitenkin lopullinen. Päätöksestä on tiedotettu opiskelijaa.

Olettehan yhteyksissä, jos päätökseen liittyen jää kysyttävää,

Ystävällisin terveisin
Best regards

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# A Statement of the Graduate Regarding the Response from the Secretary of the Academic Appeal Board (Ms. Anna Pernu)

Suvro Jyoti Kundu

15.10.2024

I, (legal name: Sowgat Kundu, preferred name: Suvro Jyoti Kundu, graduate of the master's program in CCIS, school of ELEC, Aalto University), am here to provide a statement to the investigators of The Ministry of Education and Culture, regarding the response form the secretary of the academic appeal board, Ms. Anna Pernu.

From the questions asked by Esq. Anna Johansson and the response of Ms. Anna Pernu, the internal procedures of processing a student's appeal related matter from the academic appeal board still remain ambiguous. However, my statement would be regarding the timing and the procedure of the received decision from Anna Pernu. Also, to substantiate my claim, I will attach some screenshots of my communication with Anna Pernu. The rest would be assessed by the investigators of The Ministry of Education and Culture.

On 7.5.2024, three major incidents happened simultaneously, which were highly coincidental:

1. My Aalto account was scheduled to be permanently deactivated (Estimated time was 0:01);
2. A professor from Tampere University made an inquiry to me asking the reason of the thesis grade is not higher (Time: 14:05);
3. The decision from the Aalto University academic appeal board was given to me (Time: 14:55).

According to me, the procedures of providing the decision were almost perfectly done that looks formal and official. However, in the process of hurrying up there was a small inconsistency that stayed unnoticed by the officials of Aalto University, which is why I did not feel any necessity to further contact regarding the decision of the appeal board.

Here are some last moments of the communications between me and Anna Pernu provided as the screen captures. I request the investigators to notice the following two factors:

1. The date and time of the communication between me and Anna Pernu
2. The email addresses that Anna Pernu sent her responses to me (sowgat.kundu@aalto.fi and sjkundu13@gmail.com).

Capture 1 (*I am sending email from my Aalto email. Notice the email topics, and the sending date 24.4.2024*):

**From:** Kundu Sowgat <sowgat.kundu@aalto.fi>
**Sent:** keskiviikko 24. huhtikuuta 2024 13.41
**To:** Pernu Anna <anna.pernu@aalto.fi>
**Subject:** Re: Request for response

Hello,

Hope you are doing well.

Just to let you inform that, I have received the notification that my Aalto account is scheduled to be shut down on 07.05.2024.

If the appeal decision (positive or negative) has been made after that, it would be a great favor if you could send those documents to the email address sjkundu13@gmail.com, as I mentioned before.

Thanks in advance for your kind help.

Sincerely,

Kundu

Capture 2: (*Notice that Anna Pernu is sending her response in both of my email addresses maintaining the formal procedure*)

**Pernu Anna** <anna.pernu@aalto.fi> Tue, Apr 30, 2024 at 12:58 PM
To: Kundu Sowgat <sowgat.kundu@aalto.fi>, "sjkundu13@gmail.com" <sjkundu13@gmail.com>

Hi,

thanks for letting me know, I will send the documents to your gmail address.

Ystävällisin terveisin

Best regards

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Capture 3: From the file 8. The_External (*Notice the time 7.5.2024 at 14:05*)

PhD position [redacted] at TAU Inbox ×

[redacted] (TAU) [redacted]@tuni.fi> Tue, May 7, 2:05 PM

to me

Dear Suvro Jyoti Kundu

Thank you for your interest in our PhD position on [redacted]. If you are still interested, do I have your permission to contact your Msc supervisors, Prof Olav Tirkkonen to ask him a recommendation about your work?

I also saw that you completed your Msc thesis with grade 3 - was it any particular reason or challenge for which you could not reach a 4 or 5 level?

Thank you and best regards

[redacted]

Capture 4: From C1 Kundu_päätöksen_tiedoksianto_opiskelija.PDF (*Notice that Anna Pernu is sending her response on 7.5.2024 at 14:55 only in my gmail address. The filename shows the date 24.4.2024 that the decision was made, although the decision was already predetermined from the school of ELEC, as the date 24.4.2024 on filename is simply an eyewash.*)

**From:** Pernu Anna
**Sent:** tiistai 7. toukokuuta 2024 14.55
**To:** sjkundu13@gmail.com
**Subject:** Decision to your appeal
**Attachments:** Kundu_decision_2024_4_24.pdf; Kundu_decision_2024_4_24_annex_proposal.pdf

Hi,

Aalto University Academic Appeals Board has processed your appeal against the grading of your master's thesis. Please find attached Academic Appeals Board's decision to your appeal and the written grounds for the decision.

Please notice that section "Appendices" in the decision refers to the documentary material that was available to the Academic Appeals Board when resolving the matter. The material has been listed in more detail in the written proposal. This e-mail includes two appendices (the decision and the proposal).

The minutes have been approved electronically, so that's why there are no signatures in the decision. This doesn't have an effect on the decision itself but the decision is final.

Ystävällisin terveisin
Best regards

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**Fact**:

On 7.5.2024 at 14:55, my Aalto account and email sowgat.kundu@aalto.fi was **ACTIVE** (it was exceptionally active for the whole day) and I was supposed to receive the decision also on my Aalto email as the official procedure. I kindly request the investigators to confirm the actual timing of the deactivation of my Aalto account from the electronic archive of Aalto IT service and the school of ELEC.

**Conclusion:**

If the above mentioned information is correct, then this is a contradiction that Anna Pernu did not send the official decisions on both of my gmail and Aalto email addresses, but only in my gmail address. As I requested to send the decision to my gmail if it is given to me AFTER 7.5.2024 since my Aalto account was scheduled to be shut down exactly on 7.5.2024, but it was not at the end.

The school of ELEC did not know about my particular request to Anna Pernu, whereas Anna Pernu did not expect that the school of ELEC would suddenly be in such a hurry to provide the decision, and allow my Aalto account to remain active for one more day to be able to receive the decision on my Aalto email. This is nothing but simply a communication gap between Anna Pernu and the personnel from the school of ELEC (who is actually responsible for composing the decision, i.e., Perttu Puska), as a slight imperfection was produced from their fabrication procedure. This is also an indication that the meeting of the academic appeal board never actually happened. Suffice to mention that the corresponding schools provide the instructions to the IT service for activating/deactivating students Aalto accounts, as the procedure can be manually controlled by the authority.

This is how it can be visualized that the readymade decision was given in hurry rather than expected. The school of ELEC could have provided the decision to Anna Pernu before or after a few weeks of 7.5.2024, if they would have executed the procedure in a calm head. However, the promptness of the decision was affected by the inquiry of the external to the thesis supervisor about the thesis grade on 6.5.2024.

Aalto-yliopisto

**Vastauspyyntö**
D/9129/01.02.04/2024



19.9.2024

Perttu Puska
Opintoasiainpäällikkö
Sähkötekniikan korkeakoulu
Aalto-yliopisto
Viite: Opetus- ja kulttuuriministeriön selvityspyyntö 6.9.2024 VN/20286/2024

# Pyyntö antaa selvitys Aalto-yliopiston selvitystä varten

Aalto-yliopistolta on pyydetty selvitys (asiakirja A) Sowgat Kundun (kutsumanimi Suvro Jyoti Kundu, jäljempänä Kundu) opetus- ja kulttuuriministeriölle 30.7.2024 lähettämän kirjelmän johdosta.

**Kirjelmä (asiakirja B, liitteet 1-10)**

Kundu on kirjelmässään arvostellut Aalto-yliopiston kohdistaneen häneen vakavaa, systemaattista häirintää ja antaneen lainmukaisilta vaikuttavia rangaistuksia, vaikka opiskelija ei ole syyllistynyt rikoksiin tai lainvastaisiin tekoihin.

Pyydän selvitystä ja kannanottoa koskien Kundun kirjelmässä (B) ja sen liitteessä 7 esitettyihin, sinuun kohdistuviin väitteisiin. Näitä ovat erityisesti väite ”academic warning” antamisesta, lukuvuosimaksun mitigoinnista kieltäytymisestä ja dekaanin apurahan eväämisestä.

Pyydän toimittamaan selvityksen viimeistään **26.9.2024** valmistelijalle.

Valmistelija

Anna Johansson
lakimies
lisätietoja anna.johansson@aalto.fi

**Asiakirjat liitteenä (osa asiakirjoista sisältää salassapidettävitä tietoja)**

A Opetus- ja kulttuuriministeriön tarkennettu selvityspyyntö 16.9.2024
B kantelukirjelmä 30.7.2024 liitteineen

0.Joint_PHY_and_MAC_Layer_Modeling_for_Ultra_reliable_Random_Access
1. Kundu_annex2b_evaluation_statement
2. Academic_Appeal_for_Rectification_of_Thesis_Grade
3. Kundu_annex4_statement_DPC
4. Kundu_annex4a-4b_rejoinder_and_translation
5. A_Statement_of_the_Student_Regarding_the_Response
6. Vice-President's decision attachments
*7. Criminal_Case_Against_Perttu_Seija (peitetty osa sivulla 5 ja 6)*
8. The_External
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**Sähkötekniikan korkeakoulun opintoasiainpäällikön Perttu Puskan selvitys 25.9.2024**

Aalto-yliopiston aulapalveluiden työntekijältä tuli lokakuussa 2020 ilmoitus opiskelija Sowgat Kundun epäasiallisesta käytöksestä häntä kohtaan, jolloin opiskelijalle tarjottiin Aalto-yliopiston vastuullisen käyttäytymisen sääntöihin liittyvien toimintaohjeiden mukaan mahdollisuus tulla kuulluksi ennen kuin asiasta tehdään päätöksiä. Opiskelijan kuuleminen tapahtui 13.10.2020, jossa opiskelijan lisäksi olivat läsnä Sähkötekniikan korkeakoulun dekaani Jyri Hämäläinen, opintoasiainpäällikkö Perttu Puska ja Aalto-yliopiston turvallisuuspäällikkö Seija Piiponniemi-Lahti. Kuultuaan opiskelijaa ja tarkasteltuaan työntekijän ilmoitukseen liittyvää kirjallista aineistoa dekaani varoitti opiskelijaa jatkamasta tällaisia toimia ja muistutti opiskelijaa siitä, että kaikilla Aalto-yhteisön jäsenillä pitää olla mahdollisuus turvalliseen työskentelyyn Aalto-yliopiston vastuullisen käyttäytymisen sääntöjen hengessä.

Opiskelija haki lukuvuosimaksuun huojennusta 10.1.2022. Vararehtori teki kieltävän päätöksen 9.2.2022, koska diplomityön valvojan professori Riku Jäntin lausunnon perusteella opiskelijan diplomityö ei ollut edennyt viimeisen kahdeksan kuukauden aikana ja opintosuoritusotteen mukaan opiskelija ei ollut keskittynyt tutkintoon kuuluviin pakollisiin opintoihin, joka olisi edistänyt valmistumista, vaan suorittanut niihin kuulumattoman kurssin.

Sähkötekniikan korkeakoulun dekaani palkitsi lukuvuonna 2020-2021 hyvin menestyneitä opiskelijoita stipendillä. Stipendiä piti hakea. Opiskelija ei jättänyt asiaa koskevaa hakemusta, joten stipendia ei myönnetty.

Opiskelijaa kohdeltiin asianmukaisesti kaikissa tilanteissa oppimispalveluiden toimesta.

# A Statement of the Graduate Regarding the Response from the Head of Academic Affairs, School of Electrical Engineering (Dr. Perttu Puska)

Suvro Jyoti Kundu

15.10.2024

I, (legal name: Sowgat Kundu, preferred name: Suvro Jyoti Kundu, graduate of the master's program in CCIS, school of ELEC, Aalto University), am here to provide a statement to the investigators of The Ministry of Education and Culture, regarding the response form the Head of Academic Affairs, School of ELEC, Dr. Perttu Puska.

In his statement, Perttu Puska mentioned:

"*...Kuultuaan opiskelijaa ja tarkasteltuaan työntekijän ilmoitukseen liittyvää kirjallista aineistoa dekaani varoitti opiskelijaa jatkamasta tällaisia toimia ja muistutti opiskelijaa siitä, että kaikilla Aalto-yhteisön jäsenillä pitää olla mahdollisuus turvalliseen työskentelyyn Aalto-yliopiston vastuullisen käyttäytymisen sääntöjen hengessä.*"

As a victim of systematic and racial harassment by that particular lobby service staff, I strongly protest against the provided statement and procedures by Perttu Puska. Without any concrete evidence (e.g., video footage of CCTV cameras), providing an academic warning based on only written statements of a lobby service staff is not only highly controversial and discriminating, but also highly ridiculous.

In his statement, Perttu Puska also mentioned:

"*...Opiskelija haki lukuvuosimaksuun huojennusta 10.1.2022. Vararehtori teki kieltävän päätöksen 9.2.2022, koska diplomityön valvojan professori Riku Jäntin lausunnon perusteella opiskelijan diplomityö ei ollut edennyt viimeisen kahdeksan kuukauden aikana ja opintosuoritusotteen mukaan opiskelija ei ollut keskittynyt tutkintoon kuuluviin pakollisiin opintoihin, joka olisi edistänyt valmistumista, vaan suorittanut niihin kuulumattoman kurssin.*"

This statement from Perttu Puska is incomplete and insufficient. Perttu Puska never mentioned my role as a teaching assistant in a compulsory course in 2021. Perttu Puska did not clearly state what exactly was the issue between me and the former supervisor Prof. Riku Jäntti. The complete and authentic explanation against the rejection of tuition fee mitigation, including the factor of taking extra courses is provided in a file addressed to the vice-precident *Appealing_Against_Rejection_of_Tuition_Fee_Mitigation.pdf* (Dated on 28.2.2022, minor modification).

In his statement, Perttu Puska finally mentioned:

"*...Sähkötekniikan korkeakoulun dekaani palkitsi lukuvuonna 2020-2021 hyvin menestyneitä opiskelijoita stipendillä. Stipendiä piti hakea. Opiskelija ei jättänyt asiaa koskevaa hakemusta, joten stipendiä ei myönnetty.*"

This statement (and the regulation about registration of scholarship) is highly confusing and contradictory. However, before answering this issue I need to explain the procedures of how the grading of a course is done by the responsible teachers of a course in Aalto university.

a. After completion of a course, if the course is successfully passed then the teacher grades the course either grade 1-5 or a grade 'Pass' according to the grading criteria. However, if the course is not passed or remains incomplete, then some teachers grade the course either grade 0 or a grade 'Fail' according to the grading rules, whereas in most cases, other teachers (and the study offices) simply ignore it and input nothing at all. Nonetheless, often in special cases a grade can be manually provided by the recommendation of any professors or teachers (e.g., Special Projects etc.) without the necessity of registering the course in 'Sisu' (the platform was previously 'Weboodi' in 2020-2021). Therefore, technically it stands that "failing" a course, "dropping" a course, "giving up" a course, "plagiarism etc." in a course, and "not registering" that course at all are all the same from the grading perspective in Aalto University, which is an error-prone, confusing, and troublesome policy.
b. While retaking a course and passing, Aalto University grading system follows the rules: If the latest grade of the same/equivalent course is same or higher, then it replaces the old grade, as the old grade gets shifted to invalid/expired section. However, when the case is such that the latest grade is the same as the old grade, Weboodi used to have a bug that the old grade remained valid and the latest grade (with the latest date) got shifted to invalid/expired section. ELEC study office (e.g. staff like Mika Nupponen), however, countered that bug by putting extra teacher names to the "responsible teachers" part in the latest grade, which made the system keep the latest grade as the priority even though the old grade is the same or lower, as the old grade shifted to the invalid/expired section. Later in Sisu the bug was removed and modified accordingly.
c. The responsible teacher has full privilege to input the grade providing any date, regardless of which date the grade is being inputted on. For example, if a course is completed on 15.10.2024, the teacher may input the grade after three months from that date, yet the teacher can mention the input date as 15.10.2024. Later in Sisu, the date of completing the course and date of inputting the grade were separately displayable.

In academic year 2020-2021, three particular incident happened regarding my completion of all the courses (total 64 credit) which are given below:

1. The study website was changed from comparatively less buggy "Weboodi" to hardly capable of properly functioning "Sisu" in the summer, as all the course grades and course registrations were transferred from Oodi to Sisu. The invalid/expired section disappeared because of the unhandiness of Sisu.
2. While I retook a 5-credit course "Ohjelmoinnin peruskurssi Y1" in summer 2021, it replaced the grade of an equivalent course "Basics in Programming Y1" of spring 2021 (the courses are under SCI study office). However, the grade was inputted in autumn 2021 based on an "plagiarism suspicion" from the teacher of that course. Ultimately the registry displayed that the course was completed in autumn, and the previous grade of spring disappeared (as the invalid/expired section was getting displayed in Oodi but not in Sisu that time).
3. A 6-credit summer school course "5G Hack the Mall" grading criteria was suddenly changed from numerical grade 0-5 to "Pass/Fail" grade, as the responsible teacher (Prof. Riku Jäntti) went

for summer vacation without inserting the grade in the system, and later inputted the grade after coming from summer vacation but mentioned the date of completion as the original past date.

As stated above, Perttu Puska mentioned that a student must need to register for the Dean's scholarship in advance, while the following questions can be asked:

- ➢ How does a student know from before if he passed a course or not if no grade has been inputted in the registry?
- ➢ How does a student expect in advance that he is going to complete 60 credits in an academic year, and be eligible for the Dean's scholarship?
- ➢ If the student, for some unavoidable reason, cannot complete 60 credits in one academic year, what is the benefit of registering for the Dean's scholarship in advance?
- ➢ If one staff of learning service mentions "Registering for Dean's scholarship is not possible since the deadline for registration is passed", while another staff of the same learning service mentions "Registering for Dean's scholarship is not possible since only 59 credits were completed", what should a student do in this situation?

**On performance of Dr. Perttu Puska as the head of academic affairs of the school of ELEC**

I am a graduate of the master's program in CCIS under school of ELEC, and a former teaching assistant of two courses, between the timeline from spring 2019 to spring 2024, while I got Dr. Perttu Puska as the head of academic affairs of the school of ELEC. The position of Perttu Puska (the head of academic affairs) is arguably the most critical position in the hierarchy of Aalto University, since all the important information like academic structures, requirements, modifications, developments etc. from learning service, student service, security service etc. root levels reaches at the top level of the university if and only if it passes through the personnel in charge of this position.

My five years of experience in Aalto University says that the other five schools (ENG, BIZ, SCI, CHEM, ARTZ) are way ahead of ELEC only because of the negligence, insincerity, and hypocrisy of this particular personnel i.e., the head of academic affairs, school of ELEC, Dr. Perttu Puska. Perttu Puska is an expert in operating and executing systematic harassments upon innocent students with an objective to break them down and derail them out of the track. In the name of maintaining rules and regulations, this personnel has been using his executive power to the fullest to destroy the internal structures of each department beneath the school of ELEC by, for instance:

1. Allowing the teachers to put excessive, uncontrollable and intolerable study workloads with no effective outcome (e.g. Internet Traffic Measurements and Analysis: I worked as TA),
2. Allowing the teachers to instruct and produce educational material with incorrect information and no/poor teaching plans/methods at all (e.g., Signals and Systems: I worked as TA),
3. Allowing teachers and other staff to perform safe plagiarism and unfair grading under the cover of so-called data privacy and security whereas making only the students suffer for mistake and unintended plagiarism,
4. Allowing the overall electronic system to carry on technical faults or bugs for ages,
5. Composing and executing any official decision by himself but just putting electronic signatures of the higher authorities e.g., the vice-president, etc.

In the name of academic integrity, the way Perttu Puska keeps damaging and destroying the internal and external learning and educational structures of the school of ELEC in a systematic way are beyond human conception. If any student or staff protest against his mistake or criticize his course of action, he ruthlessly punishes that student or staff in legal and systematic methods. Perttu Puska does not even hesitate to attack that particular student or staff even regarding personal matters or financial weakness. The overall ELEC learning service and student service are operated according to his desire and his target, and ultimately undergo the consequences of his mistakes in the long run.

Perttu Puska is a virus in Aalto University. Educational institutions like Aalto University suffer and lag behind in the global competition of independent and boundless education, research, and teaching only because of some people like him. Personnel like Perttu Puska do not possess any ethical perspective at all, that is necessary for educational purposes; rather selfishly keep demolishing any prospect for improvement and development for their own benefit.

In my opinion based on the experiences that I achieved as a former student and teaching assistant, the school of ELEC and all the departments under ELEC can freely progress forward if a notable modification and rectification of this position (head of academic affairs) is feasible by excluding this person from the internal system of educational institutions like Aalto University, in the near future.

Aalto-yliopisto

**Vastauspyyntö**
D/9129/01.02.04/2024



19.9.2024

Seija Piiponniemi-Lahti
Turvallisuuspäällikkö
Aalto-yliopisto
Viite: Opetus- ja kulttuuriministeriön selvityspyyntö 6.9.2024 VN/20286/2024

# Pyyntö antaa vastaus Aalto-yliopiston selvitystä varten

Aalto-yliopistolta on pyydetty selvitys **(asiakirja A)** Sowgat Kundun (kutsumanimi Suvro Jyoti Kundu, jäljempänä Kundu) opetus- ja kulttuuriministeriölle 30.7.2024 lähettämän kirjelmän johdosta.

**Kirjelmä (asiakirja B, liite 7)**

Kundu on kirjelmässään arvostellut Aalto-ylipiston kohdistaneen häneen vakavaa, systemaattista häirintää ja antaneen lainmukaisilta vaikuttavia rangaistuksia, vaikka opiskelija ei ole syyllistynyt rikoksiin tai lainvastaisiin tekoihin.

Pyydän selvitystä ja kannanottoa koskien Kundun kirjelmässä (B) ja sen liitteessä 7 esitettyihin, sinuun kohdistuviin väitteisiin. Näitä ovat väitteet aulapalveluiden ja vartijapalveluiden epäasiallisesta käytöksestä ja niihin puuttumisesta.

Pyydän toimittamaan selvityksen viimeistään 26.9.2024 valmistelijalle anna.johansson@aalto.fi.

Valmistelija

Anna Johansson
lakimies
lisätietoja anna.johansson@aalto.fi

**Asiakirjat (osa asiakirjoista sisältää salassapidettävitä tietoja), joista tähän vastauspyyntöön on liitetty liitteet A, B ja 7**

A Opetus- ja kulttuuriministeriön selvityspyyntö 6.9.2024, tarkennus 16.9.2024
B kantelukirjelmä 30.7.2024 liitteineen

0.Joint_PHY_and_MAC_Layer_Modeling_for_Ultra_reliable_Random_Access
1. Kundu_annex2b_evaluation_statement
2. Academic_Appeal_for_Rectification_of_Thesis_Grade
3. Kundu_annex4_statement_DPC
4. Kundu_annex4a-4b_rejoinder_and_translation
5. A_Statement_of_the_Student_Regarding_the_Response
6. Vice-President's decision attachments
*7. Criminal_Case_Against_Perttu_Seija (peitetty osa sivulla 5 ja 6)*
8. The_External
9. Kundu_decision_2024_4_24_annex_proposal
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**Turvallisuuspäällikkö Seija Piiponniemi-Lahti toimitti seuraavan selvityksen 30.9.2024**

Turvallisuuspäällikön tehtävä yliopistossa on varmistaa yhteisön turvallinen opiskelu- ja työskentely-ympäristö ja tähän liittyy mm tilojen asianmukainen käyttö. Yliopiston tiloja käytetään opiskeluun ja työntekoon ja tilat on jaettu erilaisiin kulkuvyöhykkeisiin, joihin kukin saa kulunhallintapoliitikan pohjalta sopivat kulkuoikeudet. Osa opiskelijoille tarkoitetuista tiloista on ns 24/7 tiloja, joissa opiskelijat voivat opiskella myös yöaikaan, mutta nukkuminen tai muun majoittumiseen verrattava ei ole sallittua, koska tiloja ei ole määritetty majoitustiloiksi.

Tiloissa on usein tyhjiä juomatölkkejä ja -pulloja, joita voi halutessaan kerätä. Tämä toiminta täytyy kuitenkin tapahtua niillä kulkualueilla, johon kukin on oikeutettu, eikä keruu saa häiritä yliopiston toimintaa, kuten opetustilanteita tai henkilökunnan työskentelyä.

Yliopistossa on ympärivuorokautinen vartiointi ja vartijoiden tehtävä on tehdä säännöllisiä kierroksia rakennuksissa, myös yöaikaan. Vartijoiden tehtävä on myös puuttua tilanteisiin, joissa henkilöitä tavataan mm tiloissa, joihin heillä ei ole kulkuoikeuksia tai tiloihin on jääty nukkumaan. Turvallisuuden ylläpitämiseen liittyy myös kampuksen kameravalvonta ja niiden avulla pystytään seuraamaan tapahtumia yliopiston lukuisissa rakennuksissa.

Yliopiston aulapalveluiden työntekijöiden tehtävä on osaltaan varmistaa tilojen turvallisuutta ja että yliopiston tiloja käyttävät käyttöoikeuden omaavat henkilöt.

Vuosien 2019-2023 välillä mm vartijat ovat keskustelleet usein Sowgat Kundun kanssa ja näissä keskusteluissa on käyty läpi tilojen käyttöön liittyviä pelisääntöjä.

Olen turvallisuuspäällikkönä ollut mukana yhdessä tapaamisessa vuonna 2020 Sowgat Kundun, dekaanin ja opintopäällikön kanssa, jossa käytiin dekaanin johdolla läpi Sowgat Kundun käytökseen liittyviä seikkoja. Vuonna 2021 Sowgat Kundun opiskelijan kulkuoikeudet on tilapäisesti poistettu tilojen epäasiallisen käytön vuoksi.

Aulapalveluiden työntekijä pyysi vuonna 2023 keväällä Sowgat Kundua poistumaan yliopiston sellaisista tiloista, joihin edellytetään voimassa oleva opiskeluoikeutta. Sowgat Kundu ei ollut samaa mieltä poistamisen perusteista, jotka kuitenkin vastasivat yliopiston kulunhallinnan linjauksia. Sowgat Kundulta poistettiin opiskelijan kulkuoikeudet yliopiston toimesta, kun todettiin, että hänellä ei ole voimassa olevaa opiskeluoikeutta. Kulkuoikeudet palautettiin, kun Sowgat Kundun opiskeluoikeudet olivat jälleen voimassa.

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Seija Piiponniemi-Lahti
Head of Security and Safety
Aalto University

# A Statement of the Graduate Regarding the Response from the Head of Security and Safety, Aalto University (Ms. Seija Piiponniemi-Lahti)

Suvro Jyoti Kundu

15.10.2024

I, (legal name: Sowgat Kundu, preferred name: Suvro Jyoti Kundu, graduate of the master's program in CCIS, school of ELEC, Aalto University), am here to provide a statement to the investigators of The Ministry of Education and Culture, regarding the response form the Head of Security and Safety, Aalto University, Ms. Seija Piiponniemi-Lahti.

In her statement, Seija Piiponniemi-Lahti mentioned:

"*...Osa opiskelijoille tarkoitetuista tiloista on ns 24/7 tiloja, joissa opiskelijat voivat opiskella myös yöaikaan, mutta nukkuminen tai muun majoittumiseen verrattava ei ole sallittua, koska tiloja ei ole määritetty majoitustiloiksi.*"

I was a student of Aalto University between the timeline from spring 2019 to autumn 2023, while I had access right for approximately 1200 days as a student (excluding the period of Covid restrictions while the buildings were closed for the students, excluding from 7.5.2023 to 29.9.2023 when my Aalto account was shut down, and excluding from 1.2.2024 to 7.5.2024 when my access card was unfairly deactivated by the authority). Within these ~1200 days the guards from Securitas found me 1 day in "sleeping state" on a couch, 1 day in "lying but not sleeping state" on a couch, and 1 day "lying down on the floor but not sleeping state" in the student hub of Otakaari 1. A student studying at a certain place regularly for a considerably longer time does not necessarily mean that student is having accommodation there, let alone if that student has a registered AYY or HOAS room allotted in his name.

In her statement, Seija Piiponniemi-Lahti also mentioned:

"*...Tämä toiminta täytyy kuitenkin tapahtua niillä kulkualueilla, johon kukin on oikeutettu, eikä keruu saa häiritä yliopiston toimintaa, kuten opetustilanteita tai henkilökunnan työskentelyä.*"

I agree with the fact that I have frequently collected cans-bottles from the university premises, but never in a place or situation where teaching activities or staff meetings etc. were ongoing. Please recall that I was a contract-based staff myself (teaching assistant of two courses). If I would have prioritized my can-bottle collecting activity that much, then I would have been busy collecting cans-bottles from the trash bin of my own classroom instead of teaching and guiding the students during my exercise sessions. Money earned from recycling cans-bottles was obviously important for me, but never more than my academic activities and endeavors as a student/TA, also never by disturbing any other teaching environments or other staff (*except those lobby service personnel to whom I was a competitor for collecting cans-bottles*).

If I have made any disturbances in any classroom while teaching activities were ongoing, or in an office where staff meeting/activities were ongoing, I request the investigators to collect the teachers/staff name, classroom/office room number, date and time.

**Inability to give authentic information or providing any fabricated information by the head of security and safety would be considered the above mentioned statement by her as falsification, and the investigators will be requested to proceed accordingly.**

In her statement, Seija Piiponniemi-Lahti finally mentioned:

"*...Aulapalveluiden työntekijä pyysi vuonna 2023 keväällä Sowgat Kundua poistumaan yliopiston sellaisista tiloista, joihin edellytetään voimassa oleva opiskeluoikeutta. Sowgat Kundu ei ollut samaa mieltä poistamisen perusteista, jotka kuitenkin vastasivat yliopiston kulunhallinnan linjauksia. Sowgat Kundulta poistettiin opiskelijan kulkuoikeudet yliopiston toimesta, kun todettiin, että hänellä ei ole voimassa olevaa opiskeluoikeutta. Kulkuoikeudet palautettiin, kun Sowgat Kundun opiskeluoikeudet olivat jälleen voimassa.*"

This statement will be answered by a screen capture from my email sent to Seija Piiponniemi-Lahti, as she could not provide any answers later.

Capture 1:

**From:** Kundu Sowgat <sowgat.kundu@aalto.fi>
**Sent:** perjantai 5. toukokuuta 2023 18.26
**To:** Piiponniemi-Lahti Seija <seija.piiponniemi-lahti@aalto.fi>; hairinta@ayy.fi
**Cc:** Jyri Hämäläinen, Dean, School of Electrical Engineering, Aalto University <dean-elec@aalto.fi>
**Subject:** Report against a lobby service staff for unnecessary harassment and illegal photography of my student card

Hello,

This is Sowgat Kundu (722294, master's student, non-attending).

I am here to make a complaint about a misconduct by the lobby service staff in Otakaari 1, today around 17:50.

This lobby service guy (in the picture) had already checked my student card today and verified if I am a student of Aalto University by making me log in to my Sisu account.

About after 15 minutes while I was studying in a different place, this person came back to check my student card again.

While I presented my student card, **he took a couple of photos of the card of both sides without my permission**, which is a violation of maintaining personal information.

I do not have a name of this guy, but I was able to take a photo of the guy in quick time, while he tried to cover his face.

Suffice to say that I have already received an academic warning from the school of ELEC, due to lack of evidence of harassment from a lobby service guy before.

I request the honorable authority to take necessary steps against the crime of breaching personal information and unnecessary harassment from the lobby service guy and oblige thereby.

Sincerely,

Kundu

Capture 2:

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(Forwarded)

Hello, university lobby services is part of my unit and I have asked an explanation from the janitor described.

He told that he did ask your study card but he did not mean to be rude or inappropriate but to find out if you were a student and that you did have right to be in that area. The reason why he was paying attention was because you were collecting bottles and jars from the area and that is quite unusual. The reason why he did ask you student card twice was because he was not quite sure if you really had a student status. I think you did not have a right sticker in your student card?

However, the result in the situation was that you did have a chance to stay in that area. But this leads to another matter. As far as I know you are not studying at Aalto university and also your student access has ended. So, because of that it is possible for you to be only in our public spaces. Please clarify if there is any misunderstanding and maybe you can correct it with the university administration.

It is important that everybody behaves politely and I am sorry if you found our janitor's behavior inappropriate. That was not his intension and according to my understanding he was doing his work duties.

This is a quick explanation of the situation from us. Please let me know if further actions are desired.

Kind regards
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Seija Piiponniemi-Lahti
Head of Security and Safety
Aalto University

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# Capture 3:

**Suvro Jyoti Kundu** <sjkundu13@gmail.com> Tue, May 9, 2023 at 2:12 PM
To: seija.piiponniemi-lahti@aalto.fi, hairinta@ayy.fi
Cc: dean-elec@aalto.fi

***This is Sowgat Kundu. My Aalto account has been disabled since yesterday. Therefore I am using this email address to send this mail.***

Hello,

Thank you so much for your kind reply. I am about to clarify the situations and elaborate a bit more about this.

As you have received some reports about me previously, you will be surely informed that I have been randomly collecting bottles and cans from the trash bin since 2019 (even before the Corona Pandemic and before you received my very first complaint against the Securitas guards). Some cleaners of Palmia noticed this for the first time and informed the Securitas service desk of Otakaari 1, as the cleaners usually collect those while cleaning the bins inside the rooms and in the corridors.

However, with due respect, I would like to inform you that I am not the only person who collects bottles and cans from the trash bin. In fact, you will be surprised to know that some of the lobby service staff are also professionally collecting those cans and bottles. Technically, I am a competitor to them in that sense. The lobby service staff that harassed me and took photos of my student card, is coincidentally, one of them.

Feedback from the previous lobby service woman (in Konemiehentie 2, due to whom I received academic warning) had an impact on the other lobby service staff, and *around 4-5 of those staffs** changed their attitude drastically on me from that time. Even though when I worked as a teaching assistant in the university (with 24/7 access right of the staff), some of those 4-5 lobby service staffs were about to kick me off the building despite telling them that I am working, and some were also checking the door locks in front of me if I have somehow illegally opened them, which was a sheer insult to me. Although I discussed that fact to my manager, however, I did not have any evidence either to formally report against them. Since the lobby service guys are targeting me in particular, they always seemed to do their duties. In this case also, the incident happened with me, "coincidentally".

Let's come to the latest incident. Logging in to sisu I have shown the staff only the fact that I have the studentship valid until 31.7.2022. However, the fact "non-attending student" does not necessarily mean "not a student of the university at all" let alone without a student access right. That is the reason my access card was active that time. Being a "non-attending student" is the reason that I do not have any sticker on my student card, and I do not get any student benefits at all. Simultaneously, even "taking photos of such a student card" by the lobby service staff is illegal according to the Finnish law, since that contains my personal information like my student number, date of birth and other details- which is my claim.

The time was 5.5.23, Friday, 17:50, and to enter that area I did not necessarily need an access card, since that was inside the opening hour of the building. This leads to another question: why would a lobby service guy want to perform his duty to kick out a "not seems to be a student" inside the opening hour of the building, "coincidentally"? Maybe your lobby service staff (and Securitas guards to follow) should have waited until today, while my Aalto account seems disabled now, my access rights are gone, and I have nothing to show anymore.

Too many coincidental things are happening related to me- is the problem only me, Or was I asking too many questions?

Sincerely

Kundu

** If I am given the opportunity, I would be available to identify those particular lobby service staff who targeted me and harassed me intentionally. You may question them separately or together, and they would tell you the exact same thing. Although they won't be able to tell what actually did I do wrong and/or did I break any laws or steal something, they will surely try their best to prove me guilty of something.*

# Capture 4:

**Suvro Jyoti Kundu** <sjkundu13@gmail.com> Wed, May 24, 2023 at 6:26 PM
To: seija.piiponniemi-lahti@aalto.fi, hairinta@ayy.fi
Cc: dean-elec@aalto.fi

Hello,

This is Sowgat Kundu; I hope you all are doing well.

I have not received any notifications from you for two weeks about the report against a lobby service staff for unnecessary harassment and illegal photography of my student card.

Please let me know if you require more information or need me for any sort of discussion, or even a formal hearing.

Also, if you have made any decisions that negatively affects my studentship like the last time (e.g. academic warning, or even temporary/permanent suspension from the university), please let me know that also.

I hope everything gets better soon.

Sincerely,
Kundu

To the Vice President, Aalto University

# A LETTER FOR REVIEWING THE DECISION OF MITIGATION OF THE TUITION FEE FOR THE SPRING SEMESTER 2022

Suvro Jyoti Kundu
28 February 2022

I, (legal name: Sowgat Kundu, preferred name: Suvro Jyoti Kundu, student no. 722294) am a regular master's student of Aalto University, majoring in Communications Engineering.

On 11.2.2022, I was provided by the school of Electrical Engineering with a decision from the Vice President on mitigation of the tuition fee of Spring 2022.

The application for the mitigation of the tuition fee was declined by the Vice president, based on the information provided by the responsible authority of the school of Electrical Engineering.

I am here to provide the actual details along with the reference that is contradictory to the information provided by the responsible authority of the school of Electrical Engineering.

Based on the facts provided by the school, the following reasons were described that were not considered as the justified reason for supporting the grounds of mitigation of the tuition fee:

1. Working as a teaching assistant of a course (ELEC-E7130: Internet Traffic Measurements and Analysis) instead of concentrating on the remaining Master's Thesis
2. Completing a course (CS-A1111: Ohjelmoinnin peruskurssi Y1) in the Autumn instead of concentrating on the remaining Master's Thesis
3. The negative statement from the supervisor on the progress of the Master's Thesis

The actual facts regarding these three major facts will be described below.

## *1. Working as a teaching assistant of a course (ELEC-E7130: Internet Traffic Measurements and Analysis) instead of concentrating on the remaining Master's Thesis*

In the previously submitted letter, I described how the course ELEC-E7130 was in a situation with lack of a teaching assistant. If this course would not be operated due to lack of sufficient staff, there was a possibility that students, including me, would even have to wait until Autumn 2022. Therefore, working as a teaching assistant in this course was not a "waste of time", rather one of the initiatives towards the graduation in the possible lowest amount of time.

The details were elaborated by Markus Peuhkuri (responsible teacher for this course) in his reference letter.

***2. Completing a course (CS-A1111: Ohjelmoinnin peruskurssi Y1) in the Autumn instead of concentrating on the remaining Master's Thesis***

According to the statement of the school, I have wasted valuable time by taking extra courses. As an example, it was shown that I completed the course CS-A1111: Ohjelmoinnin peruskurssi Y1 in the Autumn semester, while I should work on the rest of my master's thesis. In fact, the grade I have received from the course CS-A1111: Ohjelmoinnin peruskurssi Y1 corresponds to the summer implementation of the original course, which is a contradiction to the statement of the school.

Suffice to say that, this course is a basic, but one of the most important courses related to Python programming, which is also a prerequisite of different higher-level courses. One of them is ELEC-E7130: Internet Traffic Measurements and Analysis.

The process of how I was actually able to achieve the highest grade in this course was described to the school in detail by Ms. Mari Knuuttila (the responsible personnel of the School of Science).

***3. The negative statement from the supervisor on the progress of the Master's Thesis***

It is true that after a certain period of time I was not able to cope with the working procedure of my master's thesis. Indeed, the statement from the supervisor that there was no concrete progress with the thesis work during the last eight months is correct (probably more than eight months). However, the actual reason behind the lack of progress was never mentioned either in the statement of the school or in the statement of the supervisor.

Regarding the master's thesis, I contacted my supervisor for the first time on 6th November 2020. Regarding the thesis as well as a position for research assistant I contacted my supervisor again on 9th November 2020. On 10th November 2020 my supervisor had a virtual discussion with me, and he said that he will see what can be done about both the thesis and research position. On 11th November 2020 my supervisor shared his topics of interest with me, and I chose the topic on the same day. I contacted my supervisor again on 20th November, but unfortunately there was no response from him.

Later I contacted my supervisor on 1st March 2021 requesting a study and research place where I can complete possible courseworks including master's thesis. Regarding the thesis topic, I contacted my supervisor again on 19th April 2021. Then my supervisor provided a slide on the thesis topic and introduced me to one of his postdoctoral researchers as my advisor.

On 18th May 2021, suddenly my supervisor held an urgent virtual meeting with me, along with my advisor, urging me to complete the thesis work before the end of the summer 2021, otherwise I will have to pay 15 000€ to register for the new academic year. Given less than three months to graduate, at one stage my advisor declined to work on the topic.

Without any other way in front of me, I asked for the tuition-fee invoice to the planning officer in-charge, and also informed the situation at home. Knowing the above situation, my guardians managed 15 000€ and sent it to the account of Aalto University so that I can at least complete the degree.

On 11th June 2021, I received the Vice-President's decision on the mitigation of tuition fee for Autumn semester 2021 (processed by the same planning officer in-charge). I informed her that I have paid the tuition fees according to the invoice. After some time, the present planning officer helped me to get back the tuition fee of one semester (7 500€).

In the meantime, the advisor agreed to work with me since I have one more semester now as sufficient time. We both agreed on a summer vacation of one month before starting the semester, while in that opportunity I completed the course ELEC-E0210: Master's Thesis Process. After the starting of the semester, I started working with the master's thesis, and the remaining compulsory course ELEC-E7130: Internet Traffic Measurements and Analysis, which I failed to complete twice before. It was already mentioned in the previous letter that what exactly happened in the course. The course was already postponed by one week due to lack of a teaching assistant.

I needed to make a choice between either completing the compulsory course or completing the master's thesis. If I complete the master's thesis, I will not be able to complete the course ELEC-E7130, as well as many other students will also remain unable to complete the course only due to the need of a teaching assistant- as there was a possibility that the course might not be operated.

I sacrificed my thesis and graduation for the sake of other students so that they can graduate. I stepped forward to be a teaching assistant of ELEC-E7130.

The aftermath has been described in my previous letter, and also in the statement of the school. I discussed with the planning officer if the present situation is justified enough to get a tuition fee mitigation to complete the master's thesis. Although I submitted an application to the school, I started to work on the master's thesis along with my advisor in January 2022.

For a long time, I have been begging to my supervisor for a study place in the campus where I can efficiently work on my master's thesis. However, for some unknown circumstances I never received such favor from any professor of Aalto university - even after the removal of pandemic restrictions. Watching no other way, I tried my best to work on the thesis sitting in places like empty spaces of supermarkets, coffee shops, railway stations etc., realizing that home is not the best place for working on the thesis. In spite of trying my best, my advisor was not satisfied with both my study approach, performance and, especially, the noisy environment of my study. It was not late that my supervisor was informed with such unsatisfactory feedback by my advisor. This was exactly before the moment that I received the overall negative decision about the mitigation of the tuition fee.

In the meantime, I was asked by my advisor to find a study room in the learning center and he recommended a room, which turned out to be only accessible for the staff only. Observing the deterioration in my study skill, my advisor strongly advised me to reconsider if I want to continue with the thesis. Finally, on 18th February 2022 I had to decide to terminate my present master's thesis topic, advisor and supervisor. Now I am looking for a supervisor who can support me with a proper research environment along with a thesis topic, where I can complete the master's thesis- the only requirement for my graduation. I have already contacted a couple of professors.

**Epilogue:**

In the previously submitted letter, I described how I coped with the academic curriculum of Aalto University. I mentioned an important point that my bachelor degree was from South Korea (Chonnam National University), and the struggle due to the difference of the curriculum made me suffer a lot. Nonetheless, the school authority (planning officers) and the personnel (advisor, providing feedback to supervisor) are not satisfied at all with my initiatives of taking extra courses instead of completing the academic degree.

Below I will be listing all the optional courses I have taken that do not belong to the degree program directly (visible), but indirectly correspond to the courses of the major (not visible). Some of them are not even mentioned anywhere in the syllabus of many courses. Some of them are conducted in Finnish/Swedish language only. The courses which were improved later from the previous implementation, were retaken, as well as with an effort to improve the overall GPA. More importantly, none of the courses was taken as a medium of wasting precious time that slows down the graduation process.

| **Course code and name (not major)** | **Course that corresponds to the major/ helps to complete a major course** |
|---|---|
| LC-73X1 : Suomi X A (X = 1,2,3,4)<br>LC-73X2 : Suomi X B (X = 1,2,3,4)<br><br>LC-7004/5/9 : Survival Finnish 1/2, Get to know Finland | Non-native speaker (Job requirements in most of the jobs in Finland + National Language 1 proficiency)<br><br>+ 3 credits compulsory in the degree |
| LC-5771: Svenska för internationella studerande 1A | Non-native speaker (Job requirements in most of the jobs in Finland + National Language 2 proficiency) |
| ELEC-C9600 : Electronic Circuits (not major) | ELEC-E7250: Laboratory Course in Communications Engineering (major)<br>ELEC-A7200: Signals and Systems (not major) |

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| ELEC-A7200: Signals and Systems (not major) | ELEC-E7120: Wireless Systems (major)<br>ELEC-E5410: Signal Processing for Communications (major)<br>ELEC-E7210: Communication Theory (major)<br>ELEC-E7220: Radio Resource and Spectrum Management D (major) |
| ELEC-A5240: Computer Lab in Digital Signal Processing Basics (not major) | ELEC-E5410: Signal Processing for Communications (major)<br>ELEC-E7210: Communication Theory (major) |
| MS-C2105: Introduction to Optimization (not major) | ELEC-E7210: Communication Theory D (major)<br>ELEC-E5422: Convex Optimization I D (major)<br>CS-E4710 - Machine Learning: Supervised Methods D (major) |
| ELEC-A4130: Sähkö ja magnetismi (not major)<br>ELEC-C9430: Electromagnetism (not major) | ELEC-E7120: Wireless Systems (major)<br>ELEC-E7410 - Communication Transmission Lines (major)<br>ELEC-E4420: Microwave Engineering I (major) |
| MS-A050X: Todennäköisyyslaskennan ja tilastotieteen peruskurssi (not major) | ELEC-E7130: Internet Traffic Measurements and Analysis (major, completed as Teaching Assistant)<br>ELEC-E7210: Communication Theory D (major)<br>ELEC-E5410: Signal Processing for Communications (major)<br>ELEC-E7460: Modeling and Simulation D (major)<br>ELEC-E7450 Performance Analysis D (major) |
| CS-E4004: Individual Studies in Computer Science D (not major)<br>ENG-E3010: Introduction to Master's Studies in Engineering (not major) | Free credits awarded by the university |
| CS-A1111: Ohjelmoinnin peruskurssi Y1 (not major) | ELEC-E7130: Internet Traffic Measurements and Analysis (major, completed as Teaching Assistant)<br>ELEC-E7470: Cybersecurity D (major)<br>CS-E3210: Machine Learning: Basic Principles D (major)<br>CS-E4710 - Machine Learning: Supervised Methods D (major) |
| CS-C1000: Introduction to Artificial Intelligence (not major) | CS-E3210: Machine Learning: Basic Principles D (major)<br>CS-E4710 - Machine Learning: Supervised Methods D (major) |
| COM-EV001:5G Hack the Mall | Summer projects with companies along with the school of ELEC |

The school also indicated multiple times that I do not maintain a proper course plan. This is because I had to change the course plan multiple times, depending on the practical situation. The flow of the course plan and course completion can be seen from the table below.

| Semester | Period | Courses taken, completed or failed |
|---|---|---|
| Autumn 2018 | I | N/A |
| | II | N/A |
| Spring 2019 | III | LC-7009 : Get to know Finland<br>LC- 7311 : Suomi 1A<br>ELEC-E7240: Coding Methods P (fail) |
| | IV | LC-7004 : Survival Finnish 1<br>LC- 7312 : Suomi 1B<br>ELEC-C9600 : Electronic Circuits<br>MS-C2105: Introduction to Optimization |
| | V | LC-7005 : Survival Finnish 2 |
| | Summer | - |
| Autumn 2019 | I | ENG-E3010: Introduction to Master's Studies in Engineering<br>ELEC-A7200: Signals and Systems<br>LC- 7321 : Suomi 2A<br>LC- 7322 : Suomi 2B<br>ELEC-A5240: Computer Lab in Digital Signal Processing Basics<br>ELEC-E7110: Trends in Communications Engineering Research<br>ELEC-E0110: Academic Skills in Master's Studies<br>ELEC-E7130: Internet Traffic Measurements and Analysis (fail)<br>ELEC-E5410: Signal Processing for Communications (fail) |
| | II | |
| Spring 2020 | III | LC- 7331 : Suomi 3A<br>LC-5771: Svenska för internationella studerande 1A<br>CS-E4004: Individual Studies in Computer Science D<br>ELEC-E7250: Laboratory Course in Communications Engineering<br>ELEC-E7240: Coding Methods P (fail)<br>(I was told by the school to start working the thesis) |
| The pandemic begins | IV | ELEC-E7220: Radio Resource and Spectrum |

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|---|---|---|
| | V | Management P<br>ELEC-A4130: Sähkö ja magnetismi<br>(I was told by the school to start working the thesis) |
| | Summer | ELEC-E7410 - Communication Transmission Lines (fail) |
| The pandemic continues<br>Autumn 2020 | I<br>II | ELEC-E7120: Wireless Systems<br>ELEC-E7230: Mobile Communication Systems<br>ELEC-E5410: Signal Processing for Communications<br>ELEC-E7810: Patterns in Communication Ecosystems D<br>ELEC-E7130: Internet Traffic Measurements and Analysis (fail)<br>ELEC-E7210: Communication Theory D (fail)<br>(I was told by the school to complete the thesis) |
| The pandemic continues<br>Spring 2021 | III<br>IV<br>V | MS-A050X: Todennäköisyyslaskennan ja tilastotieteen peruskurssi<br>(In this moment I was told by the school to complete the thesis and graduate)<br>ELEC-E7240: Coding Methods D<br>CS-C1000: Introduction to Artificial Intelligence<br>ELEC-E7221: Machine Type Communications for Internet of Things D<br>ELEC-C9430: Electromagnetism |
| | Summer | COM-EV001:5G Hack the Mall<br>ELEC-E7410 - Communication Transmission Lines (fail)<br>(I was told to graduate at any cost at this stage of the study)<br>CS-A1111: Ohjelmoinnin peruskurssi Y1<br>ELEC-E0210: Master's Thesis Process<br>(Received the positive decision of the mitigation of tuition fees for Autumn 2021) |
| The pandemic continues<br>Autumn 2021 | I<br>II | ELEC-E7130: Internet Traffic Measurements and Analysis (Student + Teaching Assistant) |
| The pandemic continues<br>Spring 2022 | III | (Received the negative decision of the mitigation of tuition fees for Spring 2022)<br>I terminated my master's thesis topic, advisor and supervisor |
| | IV, V, Summer | Searching for another thesis topic. |

The detailed explanation above was just an endeavor to represent the present situation of myself - a foreign student, who gave his best effort in an uneven scenario along with all the possible adversities, compared to the native students of Finland. A one-semester tuition-fee scholarship may not be too much to be relieved from the struggle, but for me it will be sufficient enough to complete the degree program and get myself graduated before the end of July 2022.

Therefore, I hope that the Vice President would be kind enough to review the decision "*D/92/02.04.01.01/2022, Osittain salassapidettävä, JulkL 24.1 § 21 kohta, 09.02.2022*", provide the extension of 6th semester scholarship (100%) by one last semester, and oblige thereby.

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**Opetus- ja kulttuuriministeriö**
Viite: selvityspyyntö 6.9.2024 VN/20286/2024

## Aalto-yliopiston selvitys

Aalto-yliopistolta on pyydetty selvitys Sowgat Kundun (kutsumanimi Suvro Jyoti Kundu, jäljempänä opiskelija) opetus- ja kulttuuriministeriölle lähettämän kirjelmän johdosta (asiakirja A).

### Kirjelmä (asiakirja B liitteineen)

Opiskelija kertoo 30.7.2024 kirjelmässään valmistuneensa Aalto-yliopiston maisteriohjelmasta.

Opiskelija katsoo kirjelmässään Aalto-yliopiston kohdistaneen häneen vakavaa, systemaattista häirintää ja antaneen lainmukaisilta vaikuttavia rangaistuksia, vaikka opiskelija ei ole syyllistynyt rikoksiin tai lainvastaisiin tekoihin. Opiskelijan mukaan hän sai huonon maineen keräiltyään pulloja ja tölkkejä Aalto-yliopiston roskakoreista ja hänellä oli yhteentörmäyksiä aulapalveluiden kanssa. Opiskelija on maininnut esimerkkeinä systemaattisista rankaisutoimista akateemisen varoituksen, lukuvuosimaksun kohtuullistamista koskevan hakemuksen hylkäämisen, dekaanin stipendin epäämisen ja opiskeluoikeuksien viemisen.

Opiskelija on kirjelmässään ja sen 3.7.2023 päivätyssä liitteessä 7 arvostellut erityisesti Sähkötekniikan korkeakoulun opintoasiainpäällikköä alaisineen sekä liitteessä 7 yliopiston turvallisuuspäällikköä alaisineen.

Opiskelijan mukaan viimeinen systemaattinen rankaisutoimi oli diplomityön arvosana 3. Opiskelija haki diplomityön arvosteluun oikaisua. Opiskelija arvostelee oikaisuvaatimukseensa saamansa hylkäävän päätöksen yllättävän nopeaa tiedoksiantoa, joka vaikutti kielteisesti hänen mahdollisuuksiinsa saada diplomityön valvoneen professorin suositus tohtoripositioon (PhD position) toisessa yliopistossa. Opiskelija arvelee, että päätöslomakkeita ("academic appeal decision" forms) on valmiiksi saatavilla korkeakoulussa ja päätökseen on lisätty myöhemmin mielivaltaiset päiväykset ja sähköiset allekirjoitukset samalla tavoin kuin hänen lukukausimaksujensa kohtuullistamiset oli hylätty aiemmin. Opiskelija on liittänyt kirjelmäänsä useita asiakirjoja diplomityönsä arvostelun oikaisupyynnön käsittelystä.

Opiskelija pyytää, että ministeriö tutkisi asian ja auttaisi häntä saamaan ansaitsemansa kompensaation. Opiskelija pyytää myös diplomityönsä uudelleenarviointia ja asianmukaista arvosanaa.

### Selvityspyynnön käsittely Aalto-yliopistossa

Opiskelijan viittaamia tietoja opinnoista ja hallinnollisista päätöksistä on tarkistettu saatavilla olevista päätösasiakirjoista ja rekisteritiedoista Aalto-yliopiston oppimispalveluista.

Opinnäytteen arvostelun oikaisupyynnön käsittelyn ajankohta ja päätöksen antopäivää, varmentamista ja tiedoksiantopäivämäärä on selvitetty Aalto-yliopiston tutkintolautakunnan sihteeriltä (asiakirjat C).



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Asian käsittelyä varten Aalto-yliopiston sähkötekniikan korkeakoulun opintoasiainpäälliköltä ja Aalto-yliopiston turvallisuuspäälliköltä selvitykset omalta osaltaan (asiakirjat D).

**Opiskelijan opiskeluoikeus Aalto-yliopistossa**

Opiskelija on hyväksytty opiskelemaan Aalto-yliopiston sähkötekniikan korkeakoulun tieto- tietoliikenne- ja informaatiotekniikan maisteriohjelmaan 1.8.2018 alkaen. Hän on aloittanut opintonsa 1.1.2019. Hänelle on myönnetty yhteensä kolme lukukautta lisäaikaa tutkinnon suorittamiseen. Hän on valmistunut diplomi-insinööriksi 29.12.2023.

Opiskelija on ollut lukuvuosimaksuvelvollinen. Lukuvuosimaksun maksaminen on edellytys läsnäolevaksi ilmoittautumiselle, jos opiskelijalla ei ole lukuvuosimaksun kattavaa apurahaa. Opiskelija ei ole maksanut lukuvuosimaksua tai ilmoittautunut poissaolevaksi lukuvuonna 2022 – 2023 (syyslukukausi 2022 ja kevätlukukausi 2023). Hänen opiskeluoikeutensa ei ole ollut silloin voimassa.

**Lukuvuosimaksuvelvollisuuden kohtuullistamista koskevat päätökset**

Aalto-yliopiston lukuvuosimaksullisille opiskelijoille tarkoitettu apuraha maisteritason tutkintoon myönnetään sen tavoitteelliseksi suoritusajaksi eli 4 lukukaudeksi (2 vuodeksi). Apuraha voidaan katkaista, jos opinnot eivät etene riittävästi. Apurahakautta voidaan pidentää 5. lukukaudelle korkeakoulun dekaanin päätöksellä, jos opinnot ovat edenneet riittävästi ja opiskelijalla on tavoitteellinen valmistumissuunnitelma. Tämän jälkeen apurahan pidennykset edellyttävät painavia perusteita ja pidennykset haetaan lukuvuosimaksujen kohtuullistamishakemuksella. Aalto-yliopiston opetuksesta vastaava vararehtori tekee päätökset lukuvuosimaksuun liittyvistä kohtuullistamishakemuksista ja kohtuullistamisen kautta haettavista apurahan pidennyksistä kyseisen Aalto-yliopiston korkeakoulun lausunnon perusteella. Vararehtorin päätökset valmistelee asiantuntija Aalto-yliopiston yhteisistä oppimispalveluista.

Opiskelijalla on ollut lukuvuosimaksun kattava apuraha kalenterivuosina 2019 – 2020. Apurahaa on jatkettu hakemuksesta 5. lukukauden verran keväällä 2021. Tämän jälkeen opiskelija on hakenut vielä apurahaa tai lukuvuosimaksun kohtuullistamista neljä kertaa. Opiskelijalle on myönnetty apurahan jatko syyslukukaudeksi 2021. Kaksi kertaa hakemukset on hylätty vararehtorin 9.2.2022 ja 3.2.2023 päivätyillä päätöksillä, koska opiskelija ei ole edennyt opinnäytteessään eikä esittänyt opintojen hitaaseen etenemiseen riittävän painavia perusteita. Opintoasiainpäällikkö on myös antamassaan selvityksessä (D2) antanut tietoa 9.2.2022 päätöksestä. Opiskelija haki kohtuullistamishakemuksella apurahan pidentämistä myös syksylle 2023 ja apurahan pidennys myönnettiin vararehtorin päätöksellä 25.9.2023. Myönteisen päätöksen perusteluiden mukaan opiskelija esitti uutta, asian ratkaisuun vaikuttavaa tietoa.

Päätökset on varmennettu vararehtorin sähköisellä allekirjoituksella, jonka automaattisesti rekisteröityvä päivämäärä on osassa päätöksiä eri kuin päätösesitykseen kirjattu päivämäärä.

Opiskelijan lukuvuosimaksullisuuden kohtuullistamista koskevat hakemukset on käsitelty Aalto-yliopistossa samoin perustein kuin muidenkin opiskelijoiden.

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**Dekaanin kannustusstipendi (liite D2)**

Sähkötekniikan korkeakoulun dekaani myöntää vuosittain kannustusstipendejä hyvän opintomenestyksen perusteella. Stipendiä tulee hakea ilmoitettuna hakuaikana.
Opintoasianpäällikön selvityksen (liite D2) mukaan Sähkötekniikan korkeakoulun dekaani palkitsi lukuvuonna 2020 - 2021 hyvin menestyneitä opiskelijoita stipendillä. Stipendiä piti hakea. Opiskelija ei jättänyt asiaa koskevaa hakemusta, joten stipendiä ei myönnetty.

Opiskelijoiden tasapuolisen kohtelun vuoksi stipendit tulee myöntää hakuehtojen mukaisesti.

**Opinnäytteen arvostelu ja oikaisuvaatimuksen käsittely (liite C, C1 ja C2)**

Sähkötekniikan korkeakoulussa koulutusohjelman koulutusneuvosto päättää maisterivaiheen opinnäytteiden (diplomitöiden) arvostelusta työn valvojan arviointilausunnon perusteella.

Aalto-yliopistossa on yksi yhteinen yliopistolain 27 §:n 4 momentissa tarkoitettu tutkintolautakunta, joka käsittelee kaikki yliopistolain 82 §:n 3 momentin mukaiset oikaisuvaatimukset. Tutkintolautakunnan sihteeri valmistee asiat tutkintolautakunnan päätettäviksi. Oikaisuvaatimusta koskevaan päätöksen on säädetty valituskielto yliopistolain 84 §:n 2 momentissa.

Opiskelijan diplomityö on hyväksytty koulutusneuvostossa 22.1.2024 arvosanalla 3 (rekisteröity suorituspäivä on 29.12.2023). Opiskelija on vaatinut 26.1.2024 oikaisua diplomityönsä arvosteluun. Tutkintolautakunta on hylännyt oikaisuvaatimuksen kokouksessaan 24.4.2024. Kokouksessa tehdyt päätökset on annettu tiedoksi 7.5.2024.

Tutkintolautakunnan sihteerin selvityksen mukaan asia on käsitelty täysin tutkintolautakunnan normaalisen menettelyiden mukaisesi ja asian käsittelyssä on kussakin vaiheessa edetty niin nopeasti, kuin on ollut tutkintolautakunnan käsittelytilanteen puolesta mahdollista. Käsittelyaika on ollut tässä tapauksessa noin 3 kuukautta. Päätöksen tiedoksianto on tehty pöytäkirjan tarkastuksen jälkeen. Päätökset on varmistettu sähköpostitse. Päätöksen tekemisen ja sen tiedoksiannon väli on tutkintolautakunnan sihteerin mukaan ollut hiukan tavallista pidempi.

Oikaisuvaatimusta ei ole ratkaisu tai annettu tiedoksi Sähkötekniikan korkeakoulun vaan Aalto-yliopiston tutkintolautakunnan toimesta. Asian käsittelyajassa, päätösten varmentamisessa tai tiedoksiannossa ei ole ollut mitään poikkeuksellista. Opiskelijan diplomityön arvostelua koskeva asia on käsitelty loppuun Aalto-yliopistossa.

**Opiskelijan käytökseen puuttuminen (liitteet D2 ja E2)**

Aalto-yliopiston tilat on tarkoitettu ensisijaisesti käytettäväksi opiskeluun, tutkimukseen ja yliopistoon liittyvien työtehtävien suorittamiseen. Kulkuoikeuksien tai tilojen käyttötarkoituksen vastaiseen toimintaan puututaan ensisijaisesti keskustellen ja kehotuksin. Kulkuoikeuksien rajoittaminen tai poistaminen käsitellään tapauskohtaisesti. Tiloja epäasianmukaisesti käyttäneeseen opiskelijaan voidaan kohdistaa vakavissa tapauksissa myös yliopistolaissa säädettyjä kurinpitotoimia.

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Aalto-yliopistossa opiskelijan epäasiallista käytöstä koskevien epäilyjen selvittämiseen sovelletaan Aalto-yliopiston opiskelijoille osoitettuja vastuullisen käyttäytymisen sääntöjä ja niihin liittyviä toimintaohjeita. Korkeakoulun opintoasianpäällikkö tekee selvityksen ja dekaani vastaa jatkotoimien harkinnasta. Dekaani voi nuhdella opiskelijaa ja muistuttaa asiallisesta käytöksestä. Dekaani voi myös esittää rehtorille yliopistolaissa säädettyihin kurinpitotoimiin ryhtymistä.

Opintoasiainpäällikön selvityksen (liite D2) mukaan opiskelijaa kuultiin 13.10.2020 aulapalveluiden työntekijän ilmoitettua opiskelijan epäasiallisesta käytöksestä häntä kohtaan. Läsnä kuulemisessa olivat silloinen Sähkötekniikan korkeakoulun dekaani ja opintoasiainpäällikkö sekä Aalto-yliopiston turvallisuuspäällikkö. Sähkötekniikan korkeakoulun dekaani varoitti opiskelijaa jatkamasta epäasiallista käytöstä.

Turvallisuuspäällikön selvityksen (liite E2) mukaan yliopiston tiloja voi käyttää kulkuoikeuksien ja tilojen käyttötarkoitusten mukaisesti. Tiloissa on usein tyhjiä juomatölkkejä ja -pulloja, joita voi halutessaan kerätä. Tämä toiminta täytyy kuitenkin tapahtua niillä kulkualueilla, johon kukin on oikeutettu, eikä keruu saa häiritä yliopiston toimintaa, kuten opetustilanteita tai henkilökunnan työskentelyä.

Turvallisuuspäällikön selvityksen mukaan hänen tehtävänsä yliopistossa on varmistaa yhteisön turvallinen opiskelu- ja työskentely-ympäristö ja tähän liittyy mm tilojen asianmukainen käyttö. Yksi vartijoiden tehtävistä on puuttua tilanteisiin, joissa henkilöitä tavataan tiloissa, joihin heillä ei ole kulkuoikeuksia tai tiloihin on jääty nukkumaan. Yliopiston aulapalveluiden työntekijöiden tehtäviin kuuluu osaltaan varmistaa, että yliopiston tiloja käyttävät käyttöoikeuden omaavat henkilöt.

Turvallisuuspäällikön selvityksen mukaan vuosien 2019-2023 välillä mm vartijat ovat keskustelleet usein opiskelijan kanssa ja näissä keskusteluissa on käyty läpi tilojen käyttöön liittyviä pelisääntöjä. Opiskelijalta on poistettu kerran opiskelijan kulkuoikeudet epäasiallisen käytöksen vuoksi ja toisen kerran puuttuvan opiskeluoikeuden vuoksi. Yliopiston aulapalveluiden työntekijä on myös pyytänyt opiskelijaa poistumaan yliopiston sellaisista tiloista, joihin opiskelijalla ei ollut kulkuoikeutta.

Selvyyden vuoksi todetaan, että opiskelijalle ei ole annettu yliopistolain 45 §:ssä säädettyä kurinpitorangaistusta.

**Yhteenveto**

Aalto-yliopiston käsityksen mukaan opiskelijan väitteet epäasiallisesta kohtelusta tai hallinnollisten prosessien käyttämisestä häirintä- tai rangaistustarkoituksessa ovat aiheettomia. Opiskelijan hakemuksia ja opintoja koskevat asiat on ratkaistu asianmukaisesti kyseiseen asiaan sovellettavien säännösten ja hyvän hallinnon periaatteiden mukaisesti. Opiskelijan käytökseen on puututtu niin ikään kyseiseen asiaan sovellettavien säännösten ja hyvän hallinnon periaatteiden mukaisesti Sähkötekniikan korkeakoulussa ja muualla Aalto-yliopistossa. Asioita ovat käsitelleet henkilöt tehtäviensä mukaisesti.

Selvityksessä ei ole tullut esille yliopiston virhettä tai laiminlyöntiä, joka tulisi oikaista tai aiheuttaisi opiskelijalle perustetta saada rahallista kompensaatiota.

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A Opetus- ja kulttuuriministeriön selvityspyyntö 6.9.2024, tarkennus 16.9.2024

B kantelukirjelmä 30.7.2024 liitteineen
0.Joint_PHY_and_MAC_Layer_Modeling_for_Ultra_reliable_Random_Access
1. Kundu_annex2b_evaluation_statement
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**Aalto-yliopiston hankkimat selvitykset**

**C Tutkintolautakunnan sihteerin selvitys 17.9.2024 liitteineen**
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**C2 tiedoksianto koulutusneuvosto ja valvoja 7.5.2024**

**D1 Selvityspyyntö sähkötekniikan korkeakoulun opintoasiainpäällikölle 19.9.2024**
**D2 Opintoasiainpäällikön selvitys 25.9.2024**

**E1 Selvityspyyntö yliopiston turvallisuuspäällikölle 19.9.2024**
**E2 Turvallisuuspäällikön selvitys 30.9.2024**

Alkuperäisestä kantelukirjelmän liitteestä 7 on selvitystä pyydetty turvallisuuspäälliköltä ja opintoasiainpäälliköltä versiosta, josta on peitetty yksi salassapidettävä kohta (sivun 5 loppu ja sivun 6 alku, peruste JulkL 24.1 § 25 kohta). Liitteessä 7 on tämänkin jälkeen salassapidettäviä osioita.

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# A Statement of the Graduate Regarding the Response from the Vice President for Education, Aalto University (Professor Petri Suomala)

Suvro Jyoti Kundu

15.10.2024

I, (legal name: Sowgat Kundu, preferred name: Suvro Jyoti Kundu, graduate of the master's program in CCIS, school of ELEC, Aalto University), am here to provide a statement to the investigators of The Ministry of Education and Culture, regarding the response form the Vice President for Education, Aalto University, Professor Petri Suomala.

In his statement, the Vice President mentioned:

"*...Opiskelija on hyväksytty opiskelemaan Aalto-yliopiston sähkötekniikan korkeakoulun tieto- tietoliikenne- ja informaatiotekniikan maisteriohjelmaan 1.8.2018 alkaen. Hän on aloittanut opintonsa 1.1.2019. Hänelle on myönnetty yhteensä kolme lukukautta lisäaikaa tutkinnon suorittamiseen. Hän on valmistunut diplomi-insinööriksi 29.12.2023.*

*Opiskelija on ollut lukuvuosimaksuvelvollinen. Lukuvuosimaksun maksaminen on edellytys läsnäolevaksi ilmoittautumiselle, jos opiskelijalla ei ole lukuvuosimaksun kattavaa apurahaa. Opiskelija ei ole maksanut lukuvuosimaksua tai ilmoittautunut poissaolevaksi lukuvuonna 2022 – 2023 (syyslukukausi 2022 ja kevätlukukausi 2023). Hänen opiskeluoikeutensa ei ole ollut silloin voimassa.*"

First of all, the main reason behind not being able to attend since 1.8.2018 is nothing but not being able to come to Finland. For a foreigner to come to Finland, a valid residence permit is necessary which is granted by the Finnish Immigration Service (Migri). I was able to enter Finland on 30.12.2018, which is the reason I was forced to start my study on 7.1.2019.

I am taking reference from my own document *7. Criminal_Case_Against_Perttu_Seija.pdf*, page 4:

*"... Kundu discovered that very few teachers are providing an equivalent workload of ~135 hours for a 5 ECTS credits (1 ECTS credit ~ 27 hours workload), while most of the teachers are putting almost 200~300 hours workload (sometimes even more than that) for just a 5 ECTS credit course, completed in just one period (6 weeks) or two periods (12 weeks) with tons of assignments. Excessive amounts of task processing bugs and digital faults in different platforms like A+, TIM, Aalto email settings etc. were also figured out by Kundu. Most of the teachers are performing absolute grading even for 0.5 points difference between the lower and higher grades, and creating their own evaluation procedures, scales, and standards time-to-time with no teaching ethics at all. When a student is failing in a course, some teachers are specifically providing '0' or "Fail", while most of the others are not providing any grade at all and providing grades to passed students only. Lectures from some teachers are not properly understandable as some of them might have vocal/verbal issues (e.g., Dyslexia etc. with due respect to those teachers)..."*

For the sake of simplicity I am taking only the workload related matter into account and calculating simple math. With 300 hours workload in a 5 credit course, if 1 credit course requires = 60 hours to be completed then 120 credits (i.e., 90 credit courses + 30 credit thesis) requires a workload of 120 × 60 hours = 7200 hours. However, to pass the courses there are hidden prerequisites per courses since the curriculum is not properly planned. Again taking reference from my own document *Appealing_Against_Rejection_of_Tuition_Fee_Mitigation.pdf*, page 4, assume that each course has at least 1 prerequisite course that requires to be completed properly, which adds workload of 90 × 60 hours = 5400 hours. Taking into account that if 25% of all these courses are failed at first attempt for any reason and requires to retake the course again, then the retake workload is (7200 + 5400) × 25% = 3150 hours. Total estimated workload is 7200 + 5400 + 3150 = 15750 hours.

The absurd idea regarding Aalto University study right for a master's student is visible here, since neither are they considering the result (CGPA), nor the internal procedure of how a credit is properly obtained by a student. That is, the rules are being mentioned in this way: if 1 credit course = 27 hours to be completed then 120 credits (90 credit courses + 30 credit thesis) requires a workload of 120 × 27 hours = 3240 hours, which is illogical and impractical. Aalto University authority simply not considering the workload of 15750 − 3240 = 12510 hours that the teachers are injecting inside students' brains. If 3240 hours workload is assigned for 2 years, then the remaining workload of 12510 hours must be assigned for 12510 ÷ (3240÷2) = 7.72 years. The time for completing the present master's study properly thus becomes 7.72 + 2 = 9.72 ≈ 10 years.

Here is the trap for the foreign students outside the EU/EEA region, and also the unfairness and severe discrimination between a Finnish/EU/EEA regional student and a foreign student outside the EU/EEA region. A student from the EU/EEA region is entitled to a full free studentship, whereas a foreign student is being asked for a tuition fee with the same curriculum, same syllabus, same grading system etc. From a financial perspective, a Finnish/EU/EEA regional student thus can retake a course as much as required, while a foreign student outside the EU/EEA region cannot. The Aalto University authority (to be precise, the head of academic affairs of ELEC, Perttu Puska) utilized this loophole to execute systematic punishment on me.

In his statement, the Vice President said:

"*...Aalto-yliopiston opetuksesta vastaava vararehtori tekee päätökset lukuvuosimaksuun liittyvistä kohtuullistamishakemuksista ja kohtuullistamisen kautta haettavista apurahan pidennyksistä kyseisen Aalto-yliopiston korkeakoulun lausunnon perusteella. Vararehtorin päätökset valmistelee asiantuntija Aalto-yliopiston yhteisistä oppimispalveluista.*"

This statement clearly shows that the writings and the overall instructions for the decisions were created by none other than the head of academic affairs of ELEC, Perttu Puska. To rectify this position of the head of academic affairs, it is recommended to find a better personnel with high ethics, high experience, and a positive mindset, who does not get manipulated easily just by rumors, rather than scan the issue directly. I recommend Markus Peuhkuri as a suitable candidate for this position of the head of academic affairs, school of ELEC.

In his statement, the Vice President also mentioned:

"*...Turvallisuuspäällikön selvityksen mukaan hänen tehtävänsä yliopistossa on varmistaa yhteisön turvallinen opiskelu- ja työskentely-ympäristö ja tähän liittyy mm tilojen asianmukainen käyttö. Yksi vartijoiden tehtävistä on puuttua tilanteisiin, joissa henkilöitä tavataan tiloissa, joihin heillä ei ole kulkuoikeuksia tai tiloihin on jääty nukkumaan. Yliopiston aulapalveluiden työntekijöiden tehtäviin kuuluu osaltaan varmistaa, että yliopiston tiloja käyttävät käyttöoikeuden omaavat henkilöt.*"

In my opinion, Aalto University authorities should have allowed students to sleep a few hours in 24/7 spaces based on their policy of putting 60-70 hours of workload per credit course; otherwise someday the Securitas/Palmia guards or lobby service staff might find any student in "fainted" condition, or even "lifeless" as the worst case scenario.

In his statement, the Vice President stated:

"*...Aalto-yliopistossa opiskelijan epäasiallista käytöstä koskevien epäilyjen selvittämiseen sovelletaan Aalto-yliopiston opiskelijoille osoitettuja vastuullisen käyttäytymisen sääntöjä ja niihin liittyviä toimintaohjeita. Korkeakoulun opintoasianpäällikkö tekee selvityksen ja dekaani vastaa jatkotoimien harkinnasta. Dekaani voi nuhdella opiskelijaa ja muistuttaa asiallisesta käytöksestä. Dekaani voi myös esittää rehtorille yliopistolaissa säädettyihin kurinpitotoimiin ryhtymistä.*"

With such an unhealthy study system of excessive workload it is highly obvious to observe "behavioral problems" among the students. It is because to fulfill the required workload properly within such a short timeline, any healthy student will gradually fall sick (unless the student is not already an expert).

In his statement, the Vice President finally summarized:

"*...Aalto-yliopiston käsityksen mukaan opiskelijan väitteet epäasiallisesta kohtelusta tai hallinnollisten prosessien käyttämisestä häirintä- tai rangaistustarkoituksessa ovat aiheettomia. Opiskelijan hakemuksia ja opintoja koskevat asiat on ratkaistu asianmukaisesti kyseiseen asiaan sovellettavien säännösten ja hyvän hallinnon periaatteiden mukaisesti. Opiskelijan käytökseen on puututtu niin ikään kyseiseen asiaan sovellettavien säännösten ja hyvän hallinnon periaatteiden mukaisesti Sähkötekniikan korkeakoulussa ja muualla Aalto-yliopistossa. Asioita ovat käsitelleet henkilöt tehtäviensä mukaisesti. Selvityksessä ei ole tullut esille yliopiston virhettä tai laiminlyöntiä, joka tulisi oikaista tai aiheuttaisi opiskelijalle perustetta saada rahallista kompensaatiota.*"

I am opposing the summarizing statement from the vice president, as I have provided all the documents, all the concrete evidence and all the logical explanations behind the systematic harassment and unfair treatments that I have suffered from the Aalto University authority during my period of studentship. I have also specifically mentioned and enlisted all the personnel and described all the incidents according to the timeline. Based on the grounds that I presented against the systematic punishment from the Aalto University authority, I am the eligible claimant of the compensations that I have requested from Aalto University.

I hope and pray that the honorable Ministry of Education and Culture would be kind enough to run through the incidents that happened, perform thorough investigations, scrutinize all the events and statements, and ensure a proper learning environment in institutions like Aalto University by taking necessary measures, so that no more students like me suffers the tragic consequences in the future.

OPETUS- JA KULTTUURIMINISTERIÖ

**Päätös**

1.12.2025

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Sowgat Kundu

# Kantelu Aalto-yliopiston toiminnasta opiskelijan kohtelussa ja diplomityön arvostelussa

## Sowgat Kundun kantelukirjoitukset

Sowgat Kundu on opetus- ja kulttuuriministeriölle lähettämässään sähköpostissa arvostellut Aalto-yliopistossa suorittamansa diplomityön arvostelua ja kohteluaan yliopistossa. Kantelija on kertonut, että hän sai huonon maineen yliopistolla, koska hän keräsi kampukselta pulloja ja tölkkejä ja hänellä oli yhteentörmäyksiä aulapalveluiden kanssa. Tämän seurauksena kantelijan kertoman mukaan yliopisto rankaisi häntä systemaattisesti, kuten antamalla hänelle akateemisen varoituksen, hylkäämällä lukuvuosimaksujen kohtuullistamista koskevan hakemuksen, epäämällä dekaanin stipendin ja viemällä opiskeluoikeuden. Kantelija on syyttänyt teoista sähkötekniikan korkeakoulun opintoasiainpäällikköä ja yliopiston turvallisuuspäällikköä alaisineen.

Kantelija pitää häneen kohdistuneena rangaistuksena myös sitä, että hänen diplomityöstään annettiin arvosana 3. Kantelija haki oikaisua päätökseen ja vaatimus hylättiin. Kantelija on katsonut, että päätös oikaisuvaatimuksen annettiin tarkoituksellisesti liian nopeasti, koska toisen yliopiston tohtoriohjelmasta pyydettiin hänelle suosituksia. Hän on myös väittänyt, että päätöslomakkeita on saatavilla valmiiksi tehtynä koululla ja hänen diplomityönsä arvostelua ja aiemmin lukuvuosimaksujensa kohtuullistamista koskevat päätökset annettiin lisäämällä valmiiseen päätökseen mielivaltaiset päiväykset ja allekirjoitukset.

Kantelija on pyytänyt opetus- ja kulttuuriministeriötä tutkimaan asian ja auttamaan häntä saamaan ansaitsemansa kompensaation. Lisäksi hän pyytää diplomityönsä uudelleenarviointia ja asianmukaista arvosanaa työn valvojalta. Hän on toimittanut hakemuksensa liitteeksi diplomityönsä ja sen arvioinnin, oikaisuvaatimuksen, päätöksen ja lausuntoja oikaisuvaatimukseen sekä lukuvuosimaksunsa kohtuullistamista koskevia asiakirjoja sekä kahta yliopiston työntekijää koskevan rikosoikeudelliseksi nimeämänsä valituksen, johon sisältyy vahingonkorvausvaatimuksia.

## Aalto-yliopiston selvitys

Opetus- ja kulttuuriministeriö on pyytänyt Aalto-yliopistolta selvityksen kantelun johdosta. Selvityksessään Aalto-yliopisto on todennut, että kantelija on hyväksytty opiskelemaan Aalto-yliopiston sähkötekniikan korkeakoulun tietoliikenne- ja informaatiotekniikan maisteriohjelmaan 1.8.2018 alkaen. Hän on aloittanut opintonsa 1.1.2019. Hänelle on myönnetty


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yhteensä kolme lukukautta lisäaikaa tutkinnon suorittamiseen. Hän on valmistunut diplomi-insinööriksi 29.12.2023.

Opiskelija on ollut lukuvuosimaksuvelvollinen. Lukuvuosimaksun maksaminen on edellytys läsnä olevaksi ilmoittautumiselle, jos opiskelijalla ei ole lukuvuosimaksun kattavaa apurahaa. Opiskelija ei ole maksanut lukuvuosimaksua tai ilmoittautunut poissaolevaksi lukuvuonna 2022–2023 (syyslukukausi 2022 ja kevätlukukausi 2023). Hänen opiskeluoikeutensa ei ole ollut silloin voimassa.

**Lukuvuosimaksu ja stipendi**

Aalto-yliopiston selvityksen mukaan sen lukuvuosimaksullisille opiskelijoille tarkoitettu apuraha maisteritason tutkintoon myönnetään sen tavoitteelliseksi suoritusajaksi eli 4 lukukaudeksi (2 vuodeksi). Apuraha voidaan katkaista, jos opinnot eivät etene riittävästi. Apurahakautta voidaan pidentää viidennelle lukukaudelle korkeakoulun dekaanin päätöksellä, jos opinnot ovat edenneet riittävästi ja opiskelijalla on tavoitteellinen valmistumissuunnitelma. Tämän jälkeen apurahan pidennykset edellyttävät painavia perusteita ja pidennykset haetaan lukuvuosimaksujen kohtuullistamishakemuksella.

Opiskelijalla on ollut lukuvuosimaksun kattava apuraha kalenterivuosina 2019–2020. Apurahaa on jatkettu hakemuksesta viidenneksi lukukaudeksi keväällä 2021. Tämän jälkeen opiskelija on hakenut vielä apurahaa tai lukuvuosimaksun kohtuullistamista neljä kertaa. Opiskelijalle on myönnetty apurahan jatko syyslukukaudeksi 2021. Kaksi kertaa hakemukset on hylätty vararehtorin 9.2.2022 ja 3.2.2023 päivätyillä päätöksillä, koska opiskelija ei ole edennyt opinnäytteessään, eikä esittänyt opintojen hitaaseen etenemiseen riittävän painavia perusteita. Opiskelija haki kohtuullistamishakemuksella apurahan pidentämistä myös syksylle 2023 ja apurahan pidennys myönnettiin vararehtorin päätöksellä 25.9.2023. Myönteisen päätöksen perusteluiden mukaan opiskelija esitti uutta asian ratkaisuun vaikuttavaa tietoa. Aalto-yliopisto on todennut, että opiskelijan lukuvuosimaksullisuuden kohtuullistamista koskevat hakemukset on käsitelty Aalto-yliopistossa samoin perustein kuin muidenkin opiskelijoiden.

Aalto-yliopisto on selvityksessään tuodut esille, että dekaanin kannustusstipendiä tulee hakea, eikä Kundu ollut sitä hakenut. Tämän vuoksi hänelle ei voitu myöntää stipendiä.

**Opinnäytteen arvostelu ja oikaisuvaatimuksen käsittely**

Aalto-yliopiston selvityksen mukaan asia on käsitelty täysin tutkintolautakunnan normaalien menettelyiden mukaisesti ja asian käsittelyssä on kussakin vaiheessa edetty niin nopeasti, kuin on ollut tutkintolautakunnan käsittelytilanteen puolesta mahdollista. Käsittelyaika on ollut tässä tapauksessa noin 3 kuukautta. Päätöksen tiedoksianto on tehty pöytäkirjan tarkastuksen jälkeen. Päätökset on varmistettu sähköpostitse. Päätöksen tekemisen ja sen tiedoksiannon väli on tutkintolautakunnan sihteerin mukaan ollut hiukan tavallista pidempi. Oikaisuvaatimusta ei ole ratkaisu tai annettu tiedoksi Sähkötekniikan korkeakoulun vaan Aalto-yliopiston tutkintolautakunnan toimesta. Asian käsittelyajassa, päätösten varmentamisessa tai tiedoksiannossa ei ole ollut mitään poikkeuksellista. Opiskelijan diplomityön arvostelua koskeva asia on käsitelty loppuun Aalto-yliopistossa.

**Kantelijan käytökseen puuttuminen korkeakoulussa**

Aalto-yliopiston on esittänyt selvityksessään, että sen tilat on tarkoitettu ensisijaisesti käytettäväksi opiskeluun, tutkimukseen ja yliopistoon liittyvien työtehtävien suorittamiseen. Kulkuoikeuksien tai tilojen käyttötarkoituksen vastaiseen toimintaan puututaan ensisijaisesti keskustellen ja kehotuksin. Kulkuoikeuksien rajoittaminen tai poistaminen käsitellään tapauskohtaisesti. Tiloja epäasianmukaisesti käyttäneeseen opiskelijaan voidaan kohdistaa vakavissa tapauksissa myös yliopistolaissa säädettyjä kurinpitotoimia.

Aalto-yliopistossa opiskelijan epäasiallista käytöstä koskevien epäilyjen selvittämiseen sovelletaan Aalto-yliopiston opiskelijoille osoitettuja vastuullisen käyttäytymisen sääntöjä ja niihin liittyviä toimintaohjeita. Korkeakoulun opintoasianpäällikkö tekee selvityksen ja dekaani vastaa jatkotoimien harkinnasta. Dekaani voi nuhdella opiskelijaa ja muistuttaa asiallisesta käytöksestä. Dekaani voi myös esittää rehtorille yliopistolaissa säädettyihin kurinpitotoimiin ryhtymistä.

Opintoasiainpäällikön selvityksen mukaan opiskelijaa kuultiin 13.10.2020 aulapalveluiden työntekijän ilmoitettua opiskelijan epäasiallisesta käytöksestä häntä kohtaan. Läsnä kuulemisessa olivat silloinen Sähkötekniikan korkeakoulun dekaani ja opintoasiainpäällikkö sekä Aalto-yliopiston turvallisuuspäällikkö. Sähkötekniikan korkeakoulun dekaani varoitti opiskelijaa jatkamasta epäasiallista käytöstä. Turvallisuuspäällikön selvityksen mukaan yliopiston tiloja voi käyttää kulkuoikeuksien ja tilojen käyttötarkoitusten mukaisesti. Osa opiskelijoille tarkoitetuista tiloista on ns. 24/7 tiloja, joissa opiskelijat voivat opiskella myös yöaikaan, mutta nukkuminen tai muun majoittumiseen verrattava ei ole sallittua, koska tiloja ei ole määritetty majoitustiloiksi. Tiloissa on usein tyhjiä juomatölkkejä ja -pulloja, joita voi halutessaan kerätä. Tämän toiminnan täytyy kuitenkin tapahtua niillä kulkualueilla, johon kukin on oikeutettu, eikä keruu saa häiritä yliopiston toimintaa, kuten opetustilanteita tai henkilökunnan työskentelyä.

Turvallisuuspäällikön selvityksen mukaan hänen tehtävänsä yliopistossa on varmistaa yhteisön turvallinen opiskelu- ja työskentely-ympäristö ja tähän liittyy mm. tilojen asianmukainen käyttö. Yksi vartijoiden tehtävistä on puuttua tilanteisiin, joissa henkilöitä tavataan tiloissa, joihin heillä ei ole kulkuoikeuksia tai tiloihin on jääty nukkumaan. Yliopiston aulapalveluiden työntekijöidentehtäviin kuuluu osaltaan varmistaa, että yliopiston tiloja käyttävät käyttöoikeuden omaavat henkilöt.

Turvallisuuspäällikön selvityksen mukaan vuosien 2019–2023 välillä mm vartijat ovat keskustelleet usein opiskelijan kanssa ja näissä keskusteluissa on käyty läpi tilojen käyttöön liittyviä pelisääntöjä. Opiskelijalta on poistettu kerran opiskelijan kulkuoikeudet epäasiallisen käytöksen vuoksi ja toisen kerran puuttuvan opiskeluoikeuden vuoksi. Yliopiston aulapalveluiden työntekijä on myös pyytänyt opiskelijaa poistumaan yliopiston sellaisista tiloista, joihin opiskelijalla ei ollut kulkuoikeutta.

Aalto-yliopisto on todennut, että opiskelijalle ei ole annettu yliopistolain 45 §:ssä säädettyä kurinpitorangaistusta.

Aalto-yliopisto on todennut selvityksessään, että sen käsityksen mukaan opiskelijan väitteet epäasiallisesta kohtelusta tai hallinnollisten prosessien käyttämisestä häirintä- tai rangaistustarkoituksessa ovat aiheettomia. Opiskelijan hakemuksia ja opintoja koskevat asiat on ratkaistu asianmukaisesti kyseiseen asiaan sovellettavien säännösten ja hyvän hallinnon periaatteiden mukaisesti. Opiskelijan käytökseen on puututtu niin ikään kyseiseen asiaan sovellettavien säännösten ja hyvän hallinnon periaatteiden mukaisesti Sähkötekniikan korkeakoulussa ja muualla Aalto-yliopistossa. Asioita ovat käsitelleet henkilöt tehtäviensä mukaisesti. Selvityksessä ei ole tullut esille yliopiston virhettä tai laiminlyöntiä, joka tulisi oikaista tai aiheuttaisi opiskelijalle perustetta saada rahallista kompensaatiota.

## Kantelijan vastine Aalto-yliopiston selvityksestä

Kantelija on toimittanut vastineensa Aalto-yliopiston selvityksestä. Hän on toimittanut sähköposteja, joiden tarkoituksena on osoittaa, että kielteinen päätös hänen opinnäytetyönsä oikaisuvaatimukseen toimitettiin tarkoituksella liian nopeasti eli tunnin sisällä siitä, kun hän oli saanut toisesta yliopistosta pyynnön selvittää miksi hänen arvosanansa ei ollut korkeampi.

Kantelija on esittänyt selvitystä yliopiston arvosananmyöntökriteereistä ja aikatauluista. Hän on myös kritisoinut monilla tavoilla opintoasiainpäällikön ja turvallisuuspäällikön toimintaa. Hän kertoo, ettei hän ole kerännyt pulloja opetusta tai henkilökunnan työskentelyä häiritsevällä tavalla. Hänet tavattiin kertomansa mukaan nukkumasta korkeakoulun tiloista vain kerran ja kaksi kertaa makaamassa sohvalla tai lattialla, mutta ei nukkumassa. Hän toteaa, että pitkäaikainen ja toistuva oleskelu ja opiskelu korkeakoulun tiloissa ei tarkoita sitä, että opiskelija majoittuisi niissä, varsinkaan jos opiskelijan nimissä on opiskelija-asunto. Kantelija on myös toimittanut useita sähköposteja yhteydenpidostaan korkeakoulun henkilökunnan kanssa.

Kantelija paheksuu sitä, ettei yliopisto ole selvityksessään tuonut esille hänen työskennelleen kursseilla opettajan avustajana. Hän on vedonnut opintojensa viivästymisen osalta myös vaikeuksiin saada oleskelulupa Suomeen tarpeeksi nopeasti ja kurssien korkeaan työmäärään.

## Opetus- ja kulttuuriministeriön ratkaisu

Korkeakoulun tulee yliopistolain (558/2009) 10 §:n mukaan periä lukuvuosimaksuvelvolliselta opiskelijalta vähintään 1 500 euron suuruinen maksu lukuvuodessa. Lainsäädännössä ei ole säännöksiä lukuvuosimaksun palauttamisesta. Tarkemmat lukuvuosimaksujen sisältöä, kuten niiden takaisinmaksua koskevat ohjeet kuuluvat korkeakoulujen autonomian piiriin ja korkeakoulut voivat noudattaa niiden osalta sisäistä ohjeistustaan. Kantelija oli saanut lukuvuosimaksustipendin useita kertoja ja lukuvuosimaksun kohtuullistamista koskevan kielteisen päätöksen syynä oli opintojen hidas edistyminen. Kantelija ei ollut hakenut kannustusstipendiä, mikä on ollut sen myöntämisen välttämätön edellytys. Esitetyn selvityksen perusteella ei ole syytä epäillä, että Aalto-yliopisto olisi toiminut virheellisesti kantelijaa kohtaan lukuvuosimaksun kohtuullistamista tai stipendin myöntämistä koskien.

Esitetyn selvityksen perusteella oikaisuvaatimusten käsittelyajat voivat vaihdella Sähkötekniikan korkeakoulun koulutusneuvostossa. Kantelijan oikaisuvaatimus on käsitelty niin nopeasti kuin on ollut käsittelytilanteen huomioon ottaen mahdollista, eikä asiassa ole esitetty uskottavaa selvitystä siitä, että koulutusneuvosto olisi kantelijan esittämällä tavalla käsitellyt hakemuksen tavanomaista nopeammin aiheuttaakseen kantelijalle haittaa jatko-opiskelupaikkojen hakumenettelyssä tai että oikaisuvaatimuksen käsittelyssä olisi tapahtunut laiminlyöntejä.

Kantelija on oleskellut tiloissa, joihin hänellä ei ollut kulkuoikeutta ja kerännyt pulloja tavalla, jonka on koettu häiritsevän opetusta. Kantelijan käytökseen on puututtu suhteellisen lievällä tavalla keskustelemalla hänen kanssaan, järjestämällä kuulemistilaisuus ja poistamalla hänet tiloista, joissa hänellä ei ole ollut oikeutta oleskella ja poistamalla hänen kulkuoikeutensa. Esitetyssä selvityksessä ei ole ilmennyt todisteita sille, että kantelijaan olisi hänen esittämällään tavalla kohdistunut systemaattista häirintää, kunnianloukkauksia ja perusteettomia päätöksiä.

Kantelukirjoituksen ja muun esitetyn selvityksen perusteella ei ole syytä epäillä, että Aalto-yliopisto olisi toiminut lainvastaisesti tai kantelijaa syrjivästi. Asiassa ei ole esitetty syytä vahingonkorvauksiin, eikä opetus- ja kulttuuriministeriön toimivallassa ole määrätä vahingonkorvauksia korkeakouluille opiskelijoita koskevissa asioissa.

Opetus- ja kulttuuriministeriö lähettää tämän päätöksensä Aalto-yliopistolle tiedoksi ja huomioon otettavaksi.

Tähän opetus- ja kulttuuriministeriön hallintokanteluasiassa antamaan ratkaisuun ei saa hakea muutosta valittamalla (hallintolain 53 d §, 368/2014).

Kansliapäällikkö Heidi Backman

Hallitusneuvos Henna Närhi

Liitteet
Aalto-yliopiston selvitys
Kantelijan vastine

Jakelu
Kantelija
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# A Protesting Statement of the Graduate Regarding the Negative Decision from the Ministry of Education and Culture, Supporting the Unjustified Decisions from the Personnel of Aalto University

Suvro Jyoti Kundu
15.12.2025

I, (legal name: Sowgat Kundu, preferred name: Suvro Jyoti Kundu, graduate of the master's program in CCIS, school of ELEC, Aalto University), am here to provide a protesting statement to the Parliamentary Ombudsman, regarding the negative decision from the Ministry of Education and Culture favoring the authorities of Aalto University.

In the case VN/20286/2024-OKM-14, the Ministry of Education and Culture summarized and mentioned that no laws were disobeyed by the personnel of Aalto University according to the Finnish Universities Act (558/2009), and the decision of the Aalto University authority upheld.

I am here to protest the statement from the Ministry of Education and Culture and provide additional evidence to the Parliamentary Ombudsman, that the decision provided by the the authorities of Aalto University is contradictory to Finnish Universities Act (558/2009) Sections 2, 4, 8, 45, 45a, 45b, and 82.

The Ministry of Education and Culture initially mentioned:

*Opetus- ja kulttuuriministeriö on pyytänyt Aalto-yliopistolta selvityksen kantelun johdosta. Selvityksessään Aalto-yliopisto on todennut, että kantelija on hyväksytty opiskelemaan Aalto-yliopiston sähkötekniikan korkeakoulun tietoliikenne- ja informaatiotekniikan maisteriohjelmaan 1.8.2018 alkaen. Hän on aloittanut opintonsa 1.1.2019. Hänelle on myönnetty yhteensä kolme lukukautta lisäaikaa tutkinnon suorittamiseen. Hän on valmistunut diplomi-insinööriksi 29.12.2023.*

The attachment *17_0_Residence_Permit.pdf* is the very first residence permit that was issued by Maahanmuuttovirasto, and the date issued was 10.10.2018. According to **Ulkomaalaislaki 301/2004**, a citizen outside the EU region needs a valid residence permit to stay in Finland for more than 90 days. The Autumn semester 2018 in Aalto University started on 2.9.2018, which makes the registration for Aalto University completely impossible. Based on the fact, supporting Aalto University authorities statement of taking Autumn semester 2018 into account as an unattended semester is illogical and unjustified from the Ministry of Education and Culture.

## *Opetus- ja kulttuuriministeriön ratkaisu*

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The decision about tuition fee mitigation executed is not clearly mentioned. For the sake of clarity, I will attach the exact documents that the head of academic affairs (Perttu Puska) provided as his decision during rejecting the Spring 2022 scholarship and the Dean's scholarship. I kindly request to the Parliamentary Ombudsman to check the attachments below in sequence.

*17_1_Error_from_Studentservice.png*
*17_2_Liite_1_Schools_Statement.pdf*
*17_3_Liite_2_Supervisors_statement.pdf*
*17_4_Vice_Presidents_decision_on_mitigation_of_tuition(This_is_Writing_of_Perttu_Puska).pdf*
*12*Appealing_Against_Rejection_of_Tuition_Fee_Mitigation.pdf*
*17_5_Kundu-signed_(Recommendation_Letter_Markus_Peuhkuri).pdf*

According to **Universities Act § 8 (Arbitrary and Non-Transparent Scholarship and Tuition Decisions)**, the legal requirement is such that the Universities must operate transparent scholarship systems, while the decisions from the Aalto University personnel lack transparency and appear retaliatory.

*...Esitetyn selvityksen perusteella oikaisuvaatimusten käsittelyajat voivat vaihdella Sähkötekniikan korkeakoulun koulutusneuvostossa. Kantelijan oikaisuvaatimus on käsitelty niin nopeasti kuin on ollut käsittelytilanteen huomioon ottaen mahdollista, eikä asiassa ole esitetty uskottavaa selvitystä siitä, että koulutusneuvosto olisi kantelijan esittämällä tavalla käsitellyt hakemuksen tavanomaista nopeammin aiheuttaakseen kantelijalle haittaa jatko-opiskelupaikkojen hakumenettelyssä tai että oikaisuvaatimuksen käsittelyssä olisi tapahtunut laiminlyöntejä.*

Refer to attachment *11. Kundu_Response_C_Tutkintolautakunnan_selvitystä_20240917.pdf*: there is, in fact, concrete evidence of the promptness of the rejecting decision, provided by Anna Pernu on 7.5.2024 at 14:55 in my gmail address and not in my Aalto email despite my Aalto account being active.

The attachment
*17_6_0_RE/ Your appeal against masters thesis grading.pdf*
Shows the confirmation from Anna Pernu that I will receive all the decisions of the academic appeal board in both of my emails.
The attachment
*17_6_1_Evidence_1_Aalto-käyttöoikeutesi on päättymässä * User rights expiring * Ditt användarkonto.pdf*
shows that my Aalto account was already scheduled to be shut down on 7.5.2024.
The attachment
*17_6_2_Evidence_2_Fwd/ Decision to your appeal.pdf*
is actually the evidence that I forwarded the email sent to me by Anna Pernu to my Aalto email to show that:

- my Aalto email sowgat.kundu@aalto.fi was active at 7.5.2024 at 11.29.51 pm
- the mail and the decision related attachment did not prevent any blockage on the transmission of the email, i.e., the email was fully functional

According to **Universities Act § 82 Rectification procedure (Amendment 960/2015) (Improper Handling of Thesis Assessment and Appeal)**, the above clearly shows that my thesis grade (3) was given based on biased or punitive motives rather than academic criteria. Appeal was processed unusually quickly after an external inquiry to the thesis supervisor who could not even provide a short thesis recommendation on request, raising concerns of predetermined outcome. The legal requirement is to have

a right to a fair and impartial grading rectification process, while the process appears compromised and inconsistent with the legal requirements.

*...Kantelija on oleskellut tiloissa, joihin hänellä ei ollut kulkuoikeutta ja kerännyt pulloja tavalla, jonka on koettu häiritsevän opetusta. Kantelijan käytökseen on puututtu suhteellisen lievällä tavalla keskustelemalla hänen kanssaan, järjestämällä kuulemistilaisuus ja poistamalla hänet tiloista, joissa hänellä ei ole ollut oikeutta oleskella ja poistamalla hänen kulkuoikeutensa. Esitetyssä selvityksessä ei ole ilmennyt todisteita sille, että kantelijaan olisi hänen esittämällään tavalla kohdistunut syste- maattista häirintää, kunnianloukkauksia ja perusteettomia päätöksiä.*

According to **Universities Act § 45 and § 45a (Violations of Disciplinary Procedure, Unlawful Restriction of Study Rights)**, a proper investigation, specification of alleged misconduct, and more concrete evidence is required to execute an academic warning, or even accusing me of creating disruption in the university. The thesis environment or fund is far from the question; my Aalto account and facility access were effectively disabled while I was still completing my thesis. According to **Universities Act § 45b (Unauthorized Handling of Personal Data)**, Sensitive student data may be handled only by designated authorities and must be stored separately, while security and lobby personnel unlawfully processed and distributed personal data by taking a photo of my student id card. According to **Universities Act § 2 and § 4 (Unequal and Discriminatory Treatment),** I faced repeated harassment, insults, defamation, and racial discrimination by security and lobby staff. I was followed, stalked, and threatened on campus multiple times. I was removed from university buildings even during my employment as a Teaching Assistant.

*Kantelukirjoituksen ja muun esitetyn selvityksen perusteella ei ole syytä epäillä, että Aalto-yliopisto olisi toiminut lainvastaisesti tai kantelijaa syrjivästi. Asiassa ei ole esitetty syytä vahingonkorvauksiin, eikä opetus- ja kulttuuriministeriön toimivallassa ole määrätä vahingonkorvauksia korkeakouluille opiskelijoita koskevissa asioissa.*

I respectfully request the Ombudsman to:

- Investigate whether Aalto University violated Sections 2, 4, 8, 45, 45a, 45b, and 82 of the Universities Act (558/2009).
- Determine whether security and lobby personnel acted unlawfully in handling personal data and engaging in discriminatory conduct.
- Assess whether my disciplinary warning and removal of study rights were legally valid.
- Examine whether the thesis grading and appeal process were influenced by improper motives.
- Evaluate whether Aalto University failed in its statutory duty to ensure non-discrimination and a safe study environment.
- Recommend corrective actions, compensation, or administrative remedies where appropriate.

I have previously attempted to resolve these issues internally at the University, but my concerns were consistently ignored. I have tried to solve this problem through the district court, police, and even the Ministry of Education and Culture, but all my effort went in vain. Given the severity of the violations, and the involvement of multiple levels of university administration and contracted security services, now I believe that independent oversight is necessary.

Therefore, I bring this matter to the Parliamentary Ombudsman in good faith and with respect for the Finnish legal system.

Sincerely,

Suvro Jyoti Kundu (Sowgat Kundu)

Dhaka, Bangladesh,

15.12.2025

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Attachments (in sequence):

0. Joint_PHY_and_MAC_Layer_Modeling_for_Ultra_reliable_Random_Access.pdf
1. Kundu_annex2b_evaluation_statement.pdf
2. Academic_Appeal_for_Rectification_of_Thesis_Grade.pdf
3. Kundu_annex4_statement_DPC.pdf
4. Kundu_annex4a-4b_rejoinder_and_translation.pdf
5. A_Statement_of_the_Student_Regarding_the_Response.pdf
6. Vice-President's decision attachments.pdf
*7. Criminal_Case_Against_Perttu_Seija.pdf*
8. The_External.png
9. Kundu_decision_2024_4_24_annex_proposal.pdf
10. Kundu_decision_2024_4_24.pdf
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11_2_C1 Kundu_päätöksen_tiedoksianto_opiskelija.PDF
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13. Kundu_Response_E2_Turvallisuuspäällikkön_Seija_Piiponniemi-Lahtin_selvitys_20240930.pdf
14_1_Selvitys_20241003.PDF
14. Kundu_Response_Vararehtorin_Selvitys_20241003.pdf
*15. Kundu_Systematic_Punishment_Aalto_Part_2.pdf*
***16. VN_20286_2024-OKM-14OKM; kantelupäätös.PDF***
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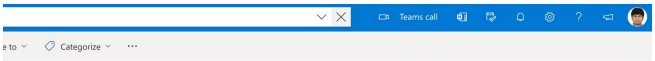


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# Re: About the Dean's incentive scholarship [#ID:AINC-1327639#] on ratkaistu / har lösts / has been resolved

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Sat 10/9/2021 12:01 PM

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Kundu Sowgat
To: studentservices
Sat 10/9/2021 11:30 AM

Hi,

Thanks for your kind email.
As a final proof, I am sending you two of my transcripts: One extracted from weboodi on 31.7.2021, another extracted on today from sisu.
I have no more questions.

Sincerely,
Sowgat Kundu

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S studentservices
To: Kundu Sowgat
Cc: Kundu Sowgat
Thu 10/7/2021 3:14 PM

Hi Sowgat,

Yes, I included all courses that are completed during the time from 1 August 2020 to 31 July 2021 acording to Sisu. This is explained in the scholarship award criteria:

*"For the purposes of the incentive scholarship, studies completed in one academic year are studies that have been, as indicated by the student's transcript of records, completed and marked into the Aalto University student register during academic year in question, i.e. between 1 August and 31 July."*

As fas as I know, the course completion date that is registered in Sisu should be the same as the last course assignment's deadline, or the day of examination. I can't, of course, say if all teachers follow this guideline. But in order that we at the student services are able to send the link to the application form to at least part of the eligable students, we base our list of eligable students on course completion dates in Sisu. If there are any mistakes in the completion dates, the students should then contact the teacher as soon as possible to correct any possible mistakes.

I'm of course really sorry for the situation if there indeed are mistakes in the completion dates, and you didn't receive the link to the application form because of that. The students can always ask for the link during the application time is a situation like this. As the application time has ended a month ago, there unfortunately isn't a reasonable way to open the application. I'm really sorry for the situation.

Best regards,
Piia
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---------- Original Message ----------
From: Kundu Sowgat <sowgat.kundu@aalto.fi>
To: studentservices <studentservices@aalto.fi>
Subject: Re: About the Dean's incentive scholarship [#ID:AINC-1327639#] on ratkaistu / har lösts / has been resolved
Date: Tue, 5 Oct 2021 13:39:00 +0300

Hi,

Thank you for your kind response.

If you have "checked" my situation, I assume that you are counting the dates when the grade has been given by the instructor. In fact, I have completed total 66 credits in the academic year 2020-2021.

Wireless System (5)
Mobile Communication System (5)
Patterns in Communication Ecosystems (5)
Signal Processing for Communications (5)
Ohjelmoinnin peruskurssi Y1 (5)
Coding Methods D (5)
Machine Type Communications for IoT (5)
Electromagnetism (5)
Todennäköisyyslaskennan ja tilastotieteen peruskurssi (5)
Introduction to Optimization (5)
Cybersecurity D (5)
5G Hack the mall (6)
Introduction to Artificial Intelligence (3)
Master's Thesis Process (2)

= 66 credits.

Now the problem is, there are deadlines for the students to submit assignments and attend in the exam, but no deadline for the teachers and professors to evaluate and grade. Neither I can force a professor to send me a grade, nor there is any system to claim a grade that is not yet received. If you are not allowing me to at least apply because of deadline issue, it means that you are penalizing me for the teacher's mistake, which is a bit harsh and unfair.

500€ would be a useful money for poor student like me while kela does not provide me any financial help.

The rest is up to you. Maybe you could consult with the Dean himself?

Sincerely,
Sowgat Kundu

**From:** studentservices <studentservices@aalto.fi>
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 12:32 PM
**To:** Kundu Sowgat <sowgat.kundu@aalto.fi>
**Subject:** Re: About the Dean's incentive scholarship [#ID:AINC-1327639#] on ratkaistu / har lösts / has been resolved

Dear Sowgat,

Thank you for your message! All students who seemed to meet the scholarship awards criteria, were sent an email with a link to the application form at the beginning of August. Students who didn't receive the email could ask for the link by contacting studies-elec@aalto.fi. Please find further information about the scholarship and application process in Into: https://into.aalto.fi/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=53676422.

I checked your situation, and it seems you completed 59 credits in the 2020-2021 academic year, i.e. from 1 August 2020 to 31 July 2021. Please note that credits completed in August 2021 or September 2021 don't belong to academic year 2020-2021, but to academic year 2021-2022. I believe this would be the reason why you didn't receive the email, unfortunately.

The scholarship is awarded based on the criteria explained in Into (please find the link above) and, therefore, has nothing to do with citizenship.

I wish you all the best to your studies in this academic year!

Best regards,
Piia

Tähän asiaasi on nyt vastattu. Jos asiasi jäi vielä mietityttämään, voit vastata tähän viestiin.
Toivomme, että jatkossakin otat yhteyttä sinua askarruttavissa opintoihin liittyvissä kysymyksissä.

Vi har nu svarat på ditt ärende. Om något ännu blev oklart så kan du svara på detta meddelande.
Vi hoppas att du också i fortsättningen kontaktar oss i ärenden som gäller studier.

We have now resolved your request. If you still have questions regarding this matter, you can reply to this message.
If you have any questions related to your studies, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Ystävällisin terveisin,
Aalto-yliopiston opiskelijapalvelut

Med vänlig hälsning
Aalto-universitetet studerandeservice

Kind regards,
Aalto University Studentservices

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3.2.2022

**Master's Programme in Computer, Communication and Information Sciences – Communications Engineering – Statement of the Programme and School**

Reference: Application for mitigation of tuition fee

Student: Sowgat Kundu, student number 722294

To the Vice President, Aalto University

This is to certify that Mr Sowgat Kundu (21.12.1990, student number 722294) is a full degree student at Aalto University School of Electrical Engineering in the Master's Programme in Computer, Communication and Information Sciences - Communications Engineering. He is currently enrolled for the spring semester of the academic year 2021-2022. The start date of studies is 1.1.2019. His study right is valid until 31.7.2022.

He has received the full scholarship as a 100 % tuition fee waiver for the spring semester 2019, academic year 2019-2020 and autumn semester 2020. He has been granted the 5th semester scholarship for the spring semester of 2021. His 5$^{th}$ semester scholarship has also been extended for one extra semester for the Autumn semester 2021 (Vice President's decision, 14.6.2021).

Student has successfully completed all the required 60 credits in his major studies in Communications Engineering. He has also successfully completed all the required 30 credits in his elective studies. At the moment student is working on his master's thesis under the supervision of professor Riku Jäntti, from the Department of Communications and Networking. His master's thesis topic has been approved on 14.6.2021.

According to the statement of the thesis supervisor professor Jäntti, thesis instructor Dr. Tommi Rimpiläinen has organized several meetings with the student regarding to the thesis. The thesis topic has been described to the student and related literature has been given for him to study. According to the supervisor, however student has not started the actual work and there has not been any concrete progress with the work during the last eight months.

Student has paid full tuition fee for the spring semester 2022 and enrolled as attending for the spring semester 1.11.2021. Student has asked for advice for applying for the mitigation of the tuition fee and options of the tuition fee refund in December 2021.
In addition to the instructions for applying the mitigation of the tuition fee, student has been informed about the option of enrolling as non-attending for the spring semester 2022 and applying for the refund of the tuition fee based on the change in the enrolment status. Student has applied for mitigation to his tuition fee and the refund of the tuition fee payment concerning the spring semester 2022 on 10.1.2022.

The grounds for admitting the extension to student's 5th semester scholarship in the spring semester 2021 were the delays in student's residence permit process, adaptation problems in the beginning of his studies, student's experience of insufficient background knowledge, and the closedown of the campus during year 2020 which had affected his study ability negatively.
It was stated that delay in progressing with his studies was an accumulation of these presented matters.

In his application sent 10.1.2022 student mentions the delayed residence permit process in autumn 2018, adaptation problems in the beginning of his studies, insufficient prerequisities for the major studies and the pandemic situation. Student also mentions that he has been working as a course assistant during the autumn 2021 and has had significantly high workload when working and studying at the same time during the autumn semester.

According to the study register Sisu, student has, in addition to two last compulsory major courses ELEC-E7130 Internet Traffic Measurements and Analysis and ELEC-E0210 Master's thesis process, completed a course CS-A1111 Ohjelmoinnin peruskurssi Y1, which is a basic programming course and not compulsory in student's major. The importance of concentrating to the remaining major courses and the thesis has been expressed to the student by the study office when the 5th semester scholarship was admitted, and again when he received the extension to his 5th semester scholarship.

3.2.2022

We appriciate student's experience concerning the difficulties in the beginning of his studies and during the pandemic. However, based on the documents student has provided in his application in January 2022, the study transcript and thesis supervisor's statement, there seems to be no compelling reason that has prevented student concentrating fully on the remaining two major courses and his master's thesis work during the autumn semester 2021.

Based on the above-mentioned documents we do not see grounds for supporting the mitigation of the tuition fee for the spring semester 2022.

Sincerely,

Head of Academic Affairs — Perttu Puska

Planning officer of Programme — Eeva Halonen

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# Statement on the progress of B.Sc Sowgat Kundu's M.Sc thesis

B.Sc Kundu is doing his Master's thesis under my supervision. The thesis is being instructed by postdoctoral fellow Dr. Tommi Rimpiläinen. The thesis instructor has organized several meetings with Kundu regarding to the thesis. The thesis topic has been described to him and related literature has been given for him to study. However, Kundu has not started the actual work and there has not been any concrete progress with the work during the last eight months.

In Espoo 1.2.2022,

Riku Jäntti
Professor, D.Sc

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D/92/02.04.01.01/2022
Osittain salassapidettävä
JulkL 24.1 § 21 kohta
09.02.2022

# Vice President’s decision on mitigation of tuition fee

**Perustelut ja päätös**

In the decision of Aalto University President from 30.5.2016 (D/361/OO.01.06.02/2016) the extension of scholarships is regulated as follows: 'If a student in receipt of scholarship does not graduate on time, the scholarship may be extended on justified grounds.'

A student of the Master's Programme in Computer, Communication and Information Sciences, Sowgat Kundu (student number 722294), has successfully completed all the required credits in his major and elective studies. The student is currently working on his master’s thesis under the supervision of Professor Riku Jäntti.

The student has been granted a 100% tuition fee waiver for the spring semester 2019, academic year 2019-2020 and autumn semester 2020. He has been granted the 5th semester scholarship for the spring semester 2021 and his 5th semester scholarship has been extended for one extra semester for the autumn semester 2021.

The student has already paid the tuition fee for the spring semester 2022. He has enrolled as an attending student for the spring semester 2022 in November 2021.

The student is now applying for mitigation of the tuition fee for spring semester 2022 in order to complete his thesis, and graduate from the Master's Programme in Computer, Communication and Information Sciences, without incurring additional tuition fees. In his application (sent on 10.1.2022), student mentions that the delayed residence permit process in autumn 2018, adaptation problems in the beginning of his studies, insufficient prerequisites for the major studies and the pandemic situation have delayed his studies. Student also mentions that he has been working as a course assistant during the autumn 2021 and has had significantly high workload when working and studying at the same time during the autumn semester.

According to the school's statement, the learning services have repeatedly indicated to the student that he should focus on the remaining degree studies and thesis work. However, in the autumn semester 2021, in addition to completing two compulsory major courses, the student has worked as a course assistant and completed a course that is not compulsory in the student’s major. According to the supervisor, the student

has not started the actual thesis work and there has not been any concrete progress with the work during the last eight months.

Based on the school's statement and the documents provided, no compelling reason prevented the student from fully concentrating on completing his degree studies and thesis and graduating from the master's programme during the extension of his 5th semester scholarship.

I decide that Sowgat Kundu's tuition fee is not mitigated for the spring semester 2022.

**Allekirjoittaja**
Suomala Petri
Vice President Education
*Tämä päätös on allekirjoitettu sähköisesti.*

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**Tämä asiakirjapaketti sisältää:**

*- Alkuperäiset asiakirjat*
*- Loppusivun (tämä sivu)*
*- Sähköiset allekirjoitukset asiakirjaan integroituna*

**Tämä tiedosto on digitaalisesti sinetöity. Sinetöinti takaa tiedostoon sisältyvän asiakirjan alkuperäisyyden.**

Aalto University
School of Electrical
Engineering



28th Feb 2022

# To Whom It May Concern,

Suvro Juoti Kundu has worked for me at Aalto University for the fall term 2021. He was a teaching assistant for the ELEC-E7130 Internet Traffic Measurement and Analysis course that is a first year Master's program course.

The course itself is a quite demanding one as for many students it is the first course in which they need to handle large datasets (several hundred gigabytes) and apply tools that are up to the task. The teaching staff need to provide lots of both group and personal support to get everyone with different backgrounds to the skill level needed for the assignments.

In addition to guiding group sessions and one-to-one sessions, Kundu provided additional material for clarifying some aspects of assignments based on his experience as a student a year earlier. He was active member of course staff in thinking and implementing additional ways to support students for successful competition of the course. The student performance within the course would have lower without him. He was a good team player together with other course teaching staff.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Best regards,

Markus Peuhkuri
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**From:** Kundu Sowgat <sowgat.kundu@aalto.fi>
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2024 3:55 PM
**To:** Pernu Anna <anna.pernu@aalto.fi>
**Subject:** Re: Your appeal against master's thesis grading

Hello,

Thanks a lot for your kind information. I will be waiting for the statement from the Degree Program Committee.

Sincerely,
Kundu

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**From:** Pernu Anna <anna.pernu@aalto.fi>
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2024 10:39 AM
**To:** Kundu Sowgat <sowgat.kundu@aalto.fi>
**Subject:** RE: Your appeal against master's thesis grading

Hi,

thank you for the quick response and for the information. In order to make sure that you get all our messages, I can send the messages to both of your e-mail addresses from now on.

As it was mentioned in my previous e-mail, a request for statement will be sent to the Degree Programme Committee regarding your appeal. I will contact you again as soon as I have got their statement. You will then be given an opportunity to familiarize yourself with the statement and to state your own opinion about it, before the Academic Appeals Board decides the matter.

In order to avoid any misunderstandings, please also notice the following:

You had mentioned in your appeal that one factor that affected your academic performance was "*Facing unfair decisions, systematic harassment, and defamation: The student faced warnings and unfair decisions from his school and suffered systematic harassment and defamation among the overall staff community of Aalto University based on some false accusations, which drastically reduced efficiency and overall performance of the student. It is possible that the thesis grading was affected by the student's poor reputation, so the student cannot graduate with a GPA of 5.*" Please notice that in its decision, the Academic Appeals Board is going to comment only on the grading of the study attainment that has been appealed against, and matters that may have been relevant to it. The Academic Appeals Board does not process nor is going to

comment on allegations of misconduct. If you find that you have been subjected to misconduct, please find the instructions for reporting it here: Instructions for investigating suspected cases of misconduct and disruptions of student learning | Aalto University

I will get back to you as soon as possible after getting Degree Programme Committee's statement. Please also feel free to contact me, if you have any questions regarding the matter,

Ystävällisin terveisin
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**From:** Kundu Sowgat <sowgat.kundu@aalto.fi>
**Sent:** tiistai 6. helmikuuta 2024 15.44
**To:** Pernu Anna <anna.pernu@aalto.fi>
**Subject:** Re: Your appeal against master's thesis grading

Hello,

Thank you for your kind email.

1. I give my consent to use solely e-mail to contact me during the appeal procedure, and also send the final decision by e-mail.
2. I give my consent to use the email address sowgat.kundu@aalto.fi.
3. If my Aalto account gets terminated, then my secondary email address for communicating would be sjkundu13@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
Kundu

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**From:** Pernu Anna <anna.pernu@aalto.fi>
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 6, 2024 1:54 PM
**To:** Kundu Sowgat <sowgat.kundu@aalto.fi>
**Subject:** Your appeal against master's thesis grading

Hi,

you have appealed against the grading of your master's thesis. The official filing date was 26 January 2024. The rapporteur in the matter is Specialist Anna Pernu, firstname.lastname@aalto.fi, tel. +358 40 353 8102.

In order to process your appeal, a request for statement will be sent to the Degree Programme Committee. At this point, I kindly ask you to give your answer to following questions:

1. Do you give your consent to that we can use solely e-mail to contact you during the appeal procedure and also send the final decision by e-mail? We contact you in case we need further information or a response from you, or if we need to inform you about the progress in the process.

2. If you give your above mentioned consent, may we use this address: sowgat.kundu@aalto.fi? You may also announce us some other e-mail address, if you prefer using that instead.

Please send your answers to this e-mail address (anna.pernu@aalto.fi) as soon as possible and preferably by 20 February 2024 at the latest.

Anticipated processing time of the appeals is 4 months at the moment, calculated from the filing date of the appeal.

Additional information on preparations and decision-making:

Under regulations approved by the Aalto University Academic Affairs Committee governing the operations of the Academic Appeals Board, the Academic Appeals Board must provide the teacher or body in charge of the decision against which an appeal has been filed an opportunity to respond to the appeal unless it is evidently unnecessary, and to acquire any other necessary accounts and statements. It is also standard practice in the preparation phase to give the student who has filed the appeal a possibility to state their opinion on the accounts and statements.

Under regulations approved by the Aalto University Academic Affairs Committee governing the

operations of the Academic Appeals Board, the Academic Appeals Board may, if it regards it necessary in the light of the appeal made by the student, change the decision itself or return it for reconsideration to the body who has made the original decision.

A decision concerning the rectification of the grading of a study attainment may not be appealed against. (Universities Act, Section 84(2) )

A student having a pending appeal does not mean that they could not graduate; if the appeal leads to a change of grade, the old degree certificate of the graduate is replaced with a corrected one.

Ystävällisin terveisin
Best regards

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From: its-accounts@aalto.fi
Subject: Aalto-käyttöoikeutesi on päättymässä * User rights expiring *
Ditt användarkonto föråldras
Date: 6. May 2024 at 11.17.11 AM
To: Kundu Sowgat sowgat.kundu@aalto.fi

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Henkilökunta voi tarkistaa Workdaysta https://workday.aalto.fi/, että omat tiedot ovat oikein. Tarvittaessa ota yhteyttä oman yksikkösi henkilöstöpalveluihin.

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Subject: Fwd: Decision to your appeal
Date: 7. May 2024 at 11.29.51 PM
To: Kundu Sowgat sowgat.kundu@aalto.fi

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From: **Pernu Anna** <anna.pernu@aalto.fi>
Date: Tue, May 7, 2024 at 2:55 PM
Subject: Decision to your appeal
To: sjkundu13@gmail.com <sjkundu13@gmail.com>

Hi,

Aalto University Academic Appeals Board has processed your appeal against the grading of your master's thesis. Please find attached Academic Appeals Board's decision to your appeal and the written grounds for the decision.

Please notice that section "Appendices" in the decision refers to the documentary material that was available to the Academic Appeals Board when resolving the matter. The material has been listed in more detail in the written proposal. This e-mail includes two appendices (the decision and the proposal).

The minutes have been approved electronically, so that's why there are no signatures in the decision. This doesn't have an effect on the decision itself but the decision is final.

Ystävällisin terveisin

Best regards

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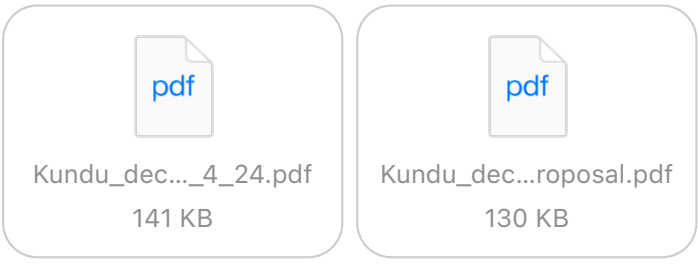
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OFFICE OF THE PARLIAMENTARY OMBUDSMAN OF FINLAND

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## REPLY

2.1.2026

Reference: 27.11.2025 arrived letter

## CASE: EOAK/7695/2025 SYSTEMATIC RACISM

In your complaint to the Parliamentary Ombudsman, you criticized the conduct of the Aalto University in a matter concerning systematic racism. Details are described in your complaint. In the supplement of the complaint, you also criticized the decision from the Ministry of Education and Culture and that the Ministry did not respond to you in 11 months.

Your complaint was presented to the Deputy Ombudsman Mr. Mikko Sarja. On his behalf I kindly inform you that your case will not be investigated at the Office of the Parliamentary Ombudsman. The reasoning behind this is as follows.

You have written to the Ministry of Education and Culture in the same case concerning Aalto University, and the Ministry has already dealt with your complaint. Your complaint did not present any facts that would have given cause to assess the matter differently than the Ministry of Education and Culture has done.

Also, the majority of the matters described in your complaint happened over two years ago. In general, the Ombudsman does not investigate a complaint relating to a matter more than two years old.

According to the Finnish law (Parliamentary Ombudsman Act), the Ombudsman takes the measures that he or she deems necessary in response to a complaint, with regard to compliance with the law, legal protection, or implementation of fundamental and human rights. The Ombudsman therefore has discretion over what actions a complaint warrants.

On these grounds the procedure of the Ministry of Education and Culture did not warrant an investigation by the Office of the Parliamentary Ombudsman.

Senior Legal Adviser
Johanna Rantala

This document has been approved in the case management system.

OIKEUSKANSLERINVIRASTO

16.1.2026 OKV/2479/10/2025

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Suvro Jyoti Kundu

Arvostelette oikeuskanslerille 18.10.2025 lähettämässänne kantelussa Aalto-yliopiston menettelyä diplomityönne arvostelussa sekä kohteluanne yliopistossa kantelustanne tarkemmin ilmenevin tavoin.

Olette tehnyt hallintokantelun kantelussa tarkoittamastanne Aalto-yliopiston menettelystä myös opetus- ja kulttuuriministeriöön. Opetus- ja kulttuuriministeriö on 1.12.2025 antanut kanteluunne päätöksen. Päätöksessä todetaan, ettei asiassa ole syytä epäillä, että Aalto-yliopisto olisi toiminut lainvastaisesti tai Teitä syrjivästi.

Esittelin asianne apulaisoikeuskanslerin sijainen Petri Martikaiselle, jonka pyynnöstä totean Teille seuraavan.

Valtioneuvoston oikeuskanslerista annetun lain 4 §:n 3 momentin mukaan oikeuskansleri ei käsittele kantelua, joka koskee yli kaksi vuotta vanhaa asiaa, ellei siihen ole erityistä syytä.

Kantelunne koskee yli kaksi vuotta vanhaa asiaa. Opetus- ja kulttuuriministeriön kerrotuin tavoin jo arvioiman asianne käsittelemiseen ei ole edellä selostetussa säännöksessä tarkoitettua erityistä syytä. Kanteluanne ei kerrotun vuoksi oteta käsiteltäväksi.

Tämä asiakirja on allekirjoitettu sähköisesti.

Esittelijäneuvos Outi Kostama



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Seuraavat henkilöt ovat allekirjoittaneet tämän asiakirjan sähköisesti /

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Kostama Outi 91219787S

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THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR OF JUSTICE

Suvro Jyoti Kundu

Reference:
Your complaint to the Chancellor of Justice 18.10.2025

The procedure in the Office of the Chancellor of Justice is in Finnish or Swedish. Therefore, although your letter of complaint is in English, the attached decision is in Finnish.

As an unofficial summary, the decision is as follows.

The Chancellor of Justice will not deal with the complaint if the complaint concerns a matter that is more than two years old unless there is special reason for the processing.

This document has been signed electronically.

Referendary Counsellor Outi Kostama



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